Topic: Remove Pygmy Date Palm Inflorescences Carefully

Question: Attached you will find a picture of one of my dwarf pygmy date palm. What, if anything, should I do about the large number of seed pods that are forming on it?
Paul, email

Answer: If you can brave the spines, cut off the Inflorescences that are forming. They will eventually become the fruits, the source of your problem. This will not hurt the palm. Be very careful as the palm is quite capable of protecting itself from your pruner.

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