TOOL TALK



One big 'ol palm...one minute later

Got a minute? You can channel your inner Superhero *and* get that *Sabal palm* under control with one of those 'electric pruning shears' you've been eyeing online. A better rechargeable tool I've not come across in a very long time. And line up all your trimming projects, because you'll power through them in no time! All the 'chore' will be in *picking up the debris* as you cut a swath through the undergrowth. And don't expect to be swapping out batteries in the middle of a job: either one (and they give you two with this version of the tool), will power you through all the nip-and-tucking you care to line up for a morning's trim. In the example above (yes, that was *one minute's work!*), less than 3% of battery was used. And there's a handy little live display showing 'cutting counts' (*why not?*) and battery levels, a welcome addition to any rechargeable tool! If the Spanish settlers had a few cases of these, Florida I-95 would have been opened a few hundred years sooner!



One hint of a quality tool 'incoming' is when you come across the *whetstone* included in the handy carrying case. That suggests a manufacturer that respects not only the tool, but *you*, too. That, and the fact that a *spare set of cutting blades*, means you'll be nipping away for a long, long time.

Another big plus: the tool balances perfectly in the hand, and is easy to get in and out of tight places. It cuts 'thick' and it cuts 'thin', so you're moving quickly through a bush, let's say, of varying limbs with a single tool. The motor ***never*** labors: the miracle of a tuned up, brushless motor.

Intelligent, adjustable jaws! ***Tool Tip:*** unlike manual loppers, the 'smart' jaws make it possible to 'bite' *into* the radius on, say, the base of a palm frond too wide for the jaws to fit over(!) You can nip your way around the base and make quick work of that frond. This tool is a power trip! Just be sure to mind your fingers and toes! And for about $10 more, one of these chain mail gloves is a good idea.....



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