East Bay Nursery

Hardy Ribbon Fern

Pteris cretica var. nervosa



Hardy Ribbon Fern
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 24 inches

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 7a

Other Names: Hardy Cretan Brake, Bird's Foot Fern

Description:

Interesting, arching mound of shiny, light green, lanceolate fronds that are lightly crinkled; hardier than other members of species; a great container plant for bright indoor areas

Features & Attributes

Hardy Ribbon Fern is primarily valued in the home for its cascading habit of growth. Its attractive crinkled narrow compound leaves emerge chartreuse, turning light green in color throughout the year.

This is an herbaceous evergreen houseplant with a shapely form and gracefully arching foliage. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other indoor plants with less refined foliage. This plant may benefit from an occasional pruning to look its best.

Planting & Growing

When grown indoors, Hardy Ribbon Fern can be expected to grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 feet. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. This houseplant performs well in both bright or indirect sunlight and strong artificial light, and can therefore be situated in almost any well-lit room or location. It prefers to grow in average to moist soil. The surface of the soil shouldn't be allowed to dry out completely, and so you should expect to water this plant once and possibly even twice each week. Be aware that your particular watering schedule may vary depending on its location in the room, the pot size, plant size and other conditions; if in doubt, ask one of our experts in the store for advice. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soil. Contact the store for specific recommendations on pre-mixed potting soil for this plant.

There are many factors that will affect the ultimate height, spread and overall performance of a plant when grown indoors; among them, the size of the pot it's growing in, the amount of light it receives, watering frequency, the pruning regimen and repotting schedule. Use the information described here as a guideline only; individual performance can and will vary. Please contact the store to speak with one of our experts if you are interested in further details concerning recommendations on pot size, watering, pruning, repotting, etc.