East Bay Nursery

Asparagus Fern

Asparagus setaceus



Asparagus Fern foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 5 feet

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 9a

Other Names: Lace Fern, Climbing Asparagus, A. plumosa

Description:

Feathery and soft, this variety creates great visual interest when massed; used widely in floral arrangements; small greenish-white flowers in summer followed by green berries that mature to black; a very fine garden or container plant

Features & Attributes

Asparagus Fern's attractive tiny ferny leaves remain light green in color throughout the year on a plant with a spreading habit of growth.

This is a dense herbaceous houseplant with a spreading, ground-hugging habit of growth. Its extremely fine and delicate texture is quite ornamental and should be used to full effect. This plant may benefit from an occasional pruning to look its best.

Planting & Growing

When grown indoors, Asparagus Fern can be expected to grow to be about 5 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. 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 does best in average to evenly moist soil, but will not tolerate standing water. 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 particular about its soil conditions, with a strong preference for rich, acidic 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.