East Bay Nursery

Living Lace™ Crocodyllus Crocodile Fern

Microsorum musifolium 'Crocodyllus'



Living Lace Crocodyllus Crocodile Fern in full
Photo courtesy of Proven Winners

Height: 18 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 10a

Other Names: Alligator Fern

Group/Class: Leafjoy Houseplants

Description:

Named for the crocodile skin pattern on its fronds, this tough fern is easy to grow in bright, filtered light with adequate humidity; an upright, dense clump of arching fronds rise from a rhrizome just under the soil; a great indoor accent plant

Features & Attributes

Living Lace Crocodyllus Crocodile Fern's attractive glossy narrow leaves remain light green in color with distinctive dark green veins and tinges of chartreuse throughout the year on a plant with an arching habit of growth.

This is a dense herbaceous houseplant with a shapely form and gracefully arching foliage. This plant usually looks its best without pruning, although it will tolerate pruning.

Planting & Growing

When grown indoors, Living Lace Crocodyllus Crocodile Fern can be expected to grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 5 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 will benefit from a regular feeding with a general-purpose fertilizer with every second or third watering. It is not particular as to soil type or pH; an average potting soil should work just fine. Be warned that parts of this plant are known to be toxic to humans and animals, so special care should be exercised if growing it around children and pets.

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.