East Bay Nursery

Norfolk Pilea

Pilea involucrata 'Norfolk'



Norfolk Pilea foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 10 inches

Spread: 12 inches

Spacing: 8 inches

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 10b

Other Names: Friendship Plant

Description:

Heavily textured silver foliage with charcoal-green veining; new foliage emerge reddish-pink; pinch stem tips to keep plant compact; requires bright indirect light; an excellent tabletop accent for a bright indoor area; great for terrariums

Features & Attributes

Norfolk Pilea's attractive textured oval leaves emerge coppery-bronze, turning silver in color with distinctive dark green veins throughout the year on a plant with a mounded habit of growth.

This is a dense herbaceous evergreen houseplant with a mounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other indoor plants with less refined foliage. This plant can be pruned at any time to keep it looking its best.

Planting & Growing

When grown indoors, Norfolk Pilea can be expected to grow to be about 10 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 12 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 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.