East Bay Nursery

Moondrop Dwarf Umbrella Plant

Schefflera arboricola 'Moondrop'



Moondrop Dwarf Umbrella Plant in full
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 9b

Description:

A popular variegated variety, with a dwarf growth habit that is better suited for indoor applications; stunning foliage will brighten any room with its contrasting dark green and creamy-yellow colors; prefers medium to bright indirect sunlight

Features & Attributes

Moondrop Dwarf Umbrella Plant's attractive glossy oval compound leaves remain dark green in color with showy creamy white variegation and tinges of yellow throughout the year on a plant with a round habit of growth.

This is a multi-stemmed evergreen houseplant with a more or less rounded form. This plant can be pruned at any time to keep it looking its best.

Planting & Growing

When grown indoors, Moondrop Dwarf Umbrella Plant can be expected to grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. It grows at a medium 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 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.