East Bay Nursery

Skeleton Nerve Plant

Fittonia 'Skeleton'



Skeleton Nerve Plant foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 12 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 10b

Other Names: Mosaic Plant

Description:

Noted for its stunning foliage, this short, spreading plant has lush yellow-green leaves patterned with red veining resembling nerves, or a net; dainty white flowers may appear at the time the stem splits into new leaves; prefers bright, indirect sunlight

Features & Attributes

Skeleton Nerve Plant's attractive oval leaves remain green in color with distinctive red veins and tinges of yellow throughout the year on a plant with a spreading habit of growth. It features dainty spikes of white flowers with light green bracts rising above the foliage from mid to early winter.

This is an herbaceous evergreen houseplant with a spreading, ground-hugging habit of growth. This plant can be pruned at any time to keep it looking its best.

Planting & Growing

When grown indoors, Skeleton Nerve Plant can be expected to grow to be about 10 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 18 inches. It grows at a slow 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.

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.