Fluffy Ruffles Boston Fern

Nephrolepis exaltata 'Fluffy Ruffles'



Fluffy Ruffles Boston Fern in full
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 18 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Spacing: 12 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 10

Other Names: Sword Fern, Tuber Ladder Fern, Fishbone Fern

Description:

Elegant, finely-toothed, soft, ruffled fronds that form a tidy, dense clump; very decorative and great in hanging baskets or containers; mist regularly and provide source for humidity when grown indoors; display outdoors in warmer weather

Ornamental Features

Fluffy Ruffles Boston Fern's attractive crinkled ferny pinnately compound leaves emerge light green in spring, turning forest green in color the rest of the year on a plant with an upright spreading habit of growth.

Landscape Attributes

Fluffy Ruffles Boston Fern is a dense herbaceous evergreen fern with an upright spreading habit of growth. It brings an extremely fine and delicate texture to the garden composition and should be used to full effect.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Suckering

Fluffy Ruffles Boston Fern is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Container Planting
- Hanging Baskets

Planting & Growing

Fluffy Ruffles Boston Fern will grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 12 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years. As an evegreen perennial, this plant will typically keep its form and foliage year-round.

This plant performs well in both full sun and full shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Fluffy Ruffles Boston Fern is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor containers and hanging baskets. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a canvas of foliage against which the larger thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.