Terrestrial Elkhorn Fern

Microsorum punctatum 'Grandiceps'

Height: 24 inches

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 10

Other Names: Crested Fern, Fish-tail Fern, Strap Fern

Description:

This attractive, easy to grow fern presents bright green, glossy fronds that consist of single blades that fork and twist at the end, with wavy margins; fronds rise in a dense clump from a rhizome just under the soil; a great indoor accent plant

Features & Attributes

Terrestrial Elkhorn Fern's attractive glossy lobed leaves remain light green in color with curious coppery-bronze undersides and tinges of forest green throughout the year on a plant with an arching habit of growth.

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



Terrestrial Elkhorn Fern foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



Terrestrial Elkhorn Fern in full
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Planting & Growing

When grown indoors, Terrestrial Elkhorn Fern can be expected to grow to be about 24 inches 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 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.

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.

-- THIS IS A HOUSEPLANT AND IS NOT MEANT TO SURVIVE THE WINTER OUTDOORS IN OUR CLIMATE --