

Kangaroo Fern

Microsorum diversifolium

Height: 12 inches

Spread: 3 feet

Spacing: 3 feet

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 9

Other Names: Kangaroo Paw Fern, Zealandia pustulata

Description:

A wonderful and interesting selection featuring large deep green and glossy fronds resembling kangaroo paws; thriving in high humidity and evenly moist soil; a great addition to houseplant collections or outdoors in warmer climates

Features & Attributes

Kangaroo Fern is primarily valued in the home for its spreading and trailing habit of growth. Its attractive large glossy ferny compound leaves remain dark green in color throughout the year.

This is an herbaceous houseplant with a trailing habit of growth, eventually spilling over the edges of hanging baskets and containers. 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.



Kangaroo Fern in full
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Planting & Growing

When grown indoors, Kangaroo Fern can be expected to grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 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.

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