

Botanical Name: Polypodium aureum

Common Name: Hare's foot fern

Type of Plant: fern Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape large trailing fern with thick, fuzzy rhizomes, long,
coarse fronds and blue-green color

Height to 3' Spread 4-6' Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure in/out shade outdoors--indoors needs high light & humidity

Soil likes highly organic soil

Hardiness some frost (zones 15-17, 19-24)

Morphology:

Leaves bluegreen, pinnatifid to 4' long, 2' wide, lobes undulate,
frilly. Rhizomes to 1' thick, scaly brown--creep along soil surface

Flowers sori in 2 irregular rows--each to 1/8" diameter

Fruit --

Propagation: spore, division of rhizomes

Usage: hanging basket plant indoors or out -- good under patio
covers. Trees or other shady, moist areas--sometimes successful in bathrooms
or kitchens indoors.

Landscape Care:

Watering likes ample watering

Fertilizing balanced, half-strength monthly

Pruning remove dead fronds

Pests/Diseases mealybug, scale

Special Conditions use powdered insecticides to prevent foliage burning

Origin: Trop. Amer. Family: Polypodiaceae