

Botanical Name: Nephrolepis exaltata 'Bostoniense'

Common Name: Boston fern

Type of Plant: fern: perennial Family Polypodiaceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape dense clump of arching, spreading fronds; resembles sword

fern but with softer texture, more arching form; spreads by runners

Height 1 to 3' Spread to 5' Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure in/outdoors indoors in bright light or outdoors in partial shade

Soil prefers a well-drained potting soil

Hardiness tender: zones 23, 24; needs cool, bright conditions indoors

Morphology:

Leaves pinnately compound, leaflets to 2" long, densely set on

long, arching fronds 3' or more; 30 to 50 leaflets per leaf

Flowers none

Fruit rounded sori to 1/8" wide in rows

Propagation: runners, division, spore, tissue culture

Usage: hanging houseplant or patio plant; outdoors in raised beds;

prized patio specimen plant

Landscape Care:

Watering likes frequent watering; soak occasionally to be sure that

root ball is completely saturated

Fertilizing balanced, half-strength feeding monthly

Pruning remove dead fronds, divide if needed

Pests/Diseases salt burn, low humidity can cause tip-burn on fronds

Other many cultivars are available

Origin: Tropical Africa