

Botanical Name: Polypodium scolieri

Common Name: Leathery polypody

Type of Plant: fern: perennial Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape spreading, creeping fern with 1/2" thick, branching

rhizomes, coarse blue-green foliage

Height to 18' Spread to 6' Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure in/out likes partial shade outdoors. Needs very bright light in

Soil prefers good drainage -- not too fussy

Hardiness hardy outdoors -- needs 50-60% humidity indoors

Morphology:

Leaves blue-green, pinnately lobed to pinnatifid to 18" long,

8" wide, pinnae to 3/4" wide rounded at apex

Flowers none

Fruit sori 1/8" diameter -- near midrib

Propagation: division of rhizomes, spores

Usage: used as a foresty groundcover or in hanging pots--sometimes

used as a tropical groundcover

Landscape Care:

Watering likes ample watering

Fertilizing balanced half-strength monthly in pots

Pruning remove dead fronds

Pests/Diseases scale

Special Conditions

Origin: British Columbia - No. Calif. Family: Polypodiaceae