

Botanical Name: Pyrrosia lingua

Common Name: Japanese felt fern

Type of Plant: fern: perennial Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape upright clumping fern with broad, undivided lance-shaped fronds with a felted texture; spreads by rhizomes

Height to 18" Spread to 18" Growth Rate slow

Environment:

Exposure outdoor part shade to full sun along the coast

Soil likes a well-drained loam

Hardiness some frost (zones 14-17, 19-24)

Morphology:

Leaves lanceolate to ovate-lanceolate, blade to 10" long, 6" petiole covered with faint pubescence on underside

Flowers sori--covering lower surface of fronds

Fruit --

Propagation: division, spores

Usage: can be used as a small-scale groundcover or container plant. Most often used for hanging baskets.

Landscape Care:

Watering moderate watering--can tolerate some drought

Fertilizing balanced, half-strength fertilizer monthly

Pruning remove dead fronds

Pests/Diseases scale

Special Conditions keeps best foliage color in part shade

Origin: SE Asia Family: Polypodiaceae