

Botanical Name: Blechnum gibbum

Common Name: Dwarf tree fern

Type of Plant: fern: perennial Family Polypodiaceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape Rosette forming fern when young, later forming a dark, slender
trunk to 3 ft. tall; fronds are leathery and somewhat webbed

Height to 3 ft. Spread to 4 ft. Growth Rate slow

Environment:

Exposure outdoors partial shade to full shade

Soil prefers a well amended soil

Hardiness some frost - Zones 15-17, 20-24

Morphology:

Leaves Pinnately lobed fronds (not quite divided) to 24" long, leaflets
somewhat undulated on margins

Flowers none

Fruit linear sori, 1/16" across

Propagation: division of clump, spores

Usage: excellent in containers as a patio specimen, tropical filler, or
even accent plant when large enough - usually sold small, and can grow slowly for
many years

Landscape Care:

Watering needs ample watering

Fertilizing slow-release fertilizer; feed infrequently

Pruning remove dead fronds

Pests/Diseases none major

Other

Origin: Fiji, Southern Pacific islands