

Botanical Name: Rumohra adiantiformis

Common Name: Leatherleaf fern

Type of Plant: fern Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape clumping, spreading fern with glossy, light foliage and stiff, upright stems--leathery texture

Height to 3' Spread 6'+ Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure in/out prefers partial shade outdoors; needs bright light indoors

Soil prefers good drainage

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

Morphology:

Leaves leathery, broadly triangular to 3' long, 2' wide. 3-4 pinnate, pinnules oblong to ovate, coarsely toothed, glabrous

Flowers none

Fruit sori linear to 1/2" long

Propagation: spore, division

Usage: does well under trees, in shaded landscapes as a tall, coarse groundcover; sometimes used as a container plant or in raised beds

Landscape Care:

Watering needs regular water

Fertilizing balanced, half-strength monthly in containers

Pruning remove dead or yellowing fronds--may be thinned

Pests/Diseases sunburn in hot weather

Special Conditions

Origin: Tropical America Family: Polypodiaceae