

Botanical Name: Pteris cretica (many varieties)

Common Name: Cretan brake fern

Type of Plant: fern: perennial Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape clumping fern, spreading by rhizomes, fronds pinnate  
with linear pinnae

Height to 18" Spread to 2' Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure in/out likes bright light, cool conditions indoor; shade outdoor

Soil likes a well-drained potting mix--add peat

Hardiness tender (zones 17,23,24)--needs humidity indoors

Morphology:

Leaves fronds single pinnate, with linear, slender slightly  
branched pinnae--some varieties white-striped or frilly at tips

Flowers none

Fruit sori continuous along margins

Propagation: division, spore

Usage: used in dish gardens, terraria, small containers--could be  
used in protected moist areas outdoors

Landscape Care:

Watering average water -- needs less than most ferns

Fertilizing balanced 1/2 strength, monthly

Pruning remove dead, damaged fronds

Pests/Diseases root rot in poorly drained conditions

Special Conditions don't allow to remain waterlogged

Origin: Tropical Africa Family: Polypodiaceae