

Botanical Name: Pteris cretica 'Mayii'

Common Name: Variegated table fern

Type of Plant: fern: perennial Family Polypodiaceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape Clumping, upright fern with long slender fronds, spreading
by rhizomes; fronds are nearly linear on long petioles

Height to 2 ft. Spread to 2 ft. Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure in/outdoor partial shade to shade outdoors, like bright light indoors

Soil well-amended outdoor soil, average potting soil

Hardiness tender, Zones 17, 23-24

Morphology:

Leaves pinnately divided fronds to 18" long, very narrow, but often
finely divided toward ends; variegated with yellowish center region

Flowers none

Fruit linear sori, continuous along margins

Propagation: spore, division, tissue culture

Usage: dish garden or terrarium subject, in containers and raised
planters, covered patios, atrium gardens in mass plantings; tropical fern for
groundcover effect

Landscape Care:

Watering needs regular watering; more drought tolerant than most ferns

Fertilizing balanced, half strength, monthly

Pruning remove dead fronds, clean out occasionally

Pests/Diseases root rot in poorly drained conditions

Other

Origin: Tropical Africa