

Botanical Name: Asplenium nidus

Common Name: Bird's nest fern

Type of Plant: fern: perennial Family Polypodiaceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape rosette of upright, fleshy, apple-green undivided fronds -  
more or less diagonally; looks more coarse and striking with increased age

Height to 5 ft. Spread to 6 ft. Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure in/out prefers shade; needs bright light, high humidity indoors

Soil prefers a peat-based potting soil

Hardiness tender outdoors, likes cool, moist conditions indoors

Morphology:

Leaves simple, undivided fronds to 5 ft. long, 8" wide, slightly lobed  
or undulated; medium green color with prominent black midrib

Flowers none

Fruit sori form rusty brown lines perpendicular to midrib on outer fronds

Propagation: spore

Usage: used as a striking patio plant or in large atria or other indoor  
planters; very striking in large container when plant has matured

Landscape Care:

Watering likes regular watering, but will tolerate brief drought; more  
durable than most ferns

Fertilizing balanced, half-strength, monthly during warm season

Pruning remove dead or disfigured fronds

Pests/Diseases snails, slugs, scale - very attractive to snails

Other tends to spore heavily, can sprout in other containers

Origin: Asia