

Botanical Name: Cyrtomium falcatum

Common Name: Holly fern

Type of Plant: fern: perennial Family Polypodiaceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape medium sized coarse fern with upright, arching, leathery
fronds forming an irregular clump of dark green, glossy foliage

Height 2 to 3' Spread 2 to 3' Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure in/outdoors thrives in part shade; does well in bright light indoors

Soil well-drained, highly organic soil is best

Hardiness some frost; zones 5-9, 14-24

Morphology:

Leaves pinnately compound; pinnae ovate to elliptic or falcate, to
4" long, slightly wavy margins, petioles densely scaly; may form scaly rhizomes

Flowers none

Fruit sori round, 1/8" diameter, scattered on undersides of fronds

Propagation: spore, division

Usage: effective in fern groupings, under trees, in containers and
raised planters; durable house plant; one of the hardiest and most durable ferns
used in landscaping

Landscape Care:

Watering likes ample watering

Fertilizing balanced, half-strength feeding monthly

Pruning remove dead fronds, divide if needed

Pests/Diseases scale, thrips, mealybug, spider mites

Other plant high in soil to assure good drainage

Origin: Southern Asia