

Botanical Name: Polystichum polyblepharum

Common Name: Japanese lace fern, Tassel fern

Type of Plant: fern: perennial Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape dark, dense, fine-textured fern, arising from a tight basal rosette; foliage is fairly coarse, stiff and glossy

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

Environment:

Exposure outdoor shade is preferred

Soil prefers a rich, well amended organic soil

Hardiness hardy (zones 4-9, 14-24)

Morphology:

Leaves bi-pinnately compound, usually somewhat hairy on underside of fronds; fronds to 18" long, 12" wide, dark green and glossy; hairy covering extends up fronds

Flowers none

Fruit marginal dark brown sori

Propagation: spore

Usage: fine-textured filler; blends well in forest-style

landscapes; works well with begonias, impatiens and other shade color plants

Landscape Care:

Watering prefers ample water; not drought tolerant

Fertilizing low nitrogen fertilizer in spring

Pruning remove dead fronds

Pests/Diseases none

Special Conditions

Origin: East Asia Family: Polypodiaceae