

Botanical Name: Davallia trichomanoides

Common Name: Squirrel's Foot Fern

Type of Plant: fern: perennial Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape rhizomatous fern with fine textured foliage arising from tan, fuzzy, creeping rhizomes. Rhizomes eventually fill wire baskets and/or soil surface

Height to 12" Spread to 3' Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure in/out bright, cool areas (E or N); outdoors in partial shade

Soil prefers a light, fast-draining soil

Hardiness some frost - to 30 degrees

Morphology:

Leaves to 18" long 3-4 pinnate, lustrous--sometimes a coppery color when young; rhizomes usually covered with tan, toothed scales

Flowers -

Fruit sori small, near margins of pinnule

Propagation: spores, division of rhizomes

Usage: best used as a hanging basket plant--but will grow as a small-scale groundcover in partly shaded outdoor areas

Landscape Care:

Watering average; takes less than most ferns

Fertilizing balanced, half-strength once a month

Pruning remove dead fronds

Pests/Diseases occasional mealybug

Special Conditions one of most durable ferns in cultivation

Origin: Malaysia Family: Polypodiaceae