

Botanical Name: Asplenium bulbiferum

Common Name: Mother fern

Type of Plant: fern: perennial Family Polypodiaceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape upright, arching, delicate-looking lacy fern arising from a
rosette; foliage is yellow-green with very dark mid-rib and petioles

Height to 4 ft. Spread to 4 ft. Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

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

Soil prefers a peat-based potting soil

Hardiness some frost outdoors, zones 15-17, 20-24

Morphology:

Leaves twice-to three times pinnately compound leaves; pinnae to 1 ft. long
waxy and smooth; plantlets form over upper leaf surface on mature plants

Flowers none

Fruit sori oblong, dark brown, narrow and about 1/2" long

Propagation: plantlets from leaves, spore

Usage: used mostly in tropical landscaped under shady patios, in containers
or raised planters; can be hard to grow indoors

Landscape Care:

Watering likes regular watering, does not like dry conditions

Fertilizing balanced, half-strength, monthly during warm season

Pruning remove dead fronds

Pests/Diseases snails, slugs, scale

Other

Origin: New Zealand