

Asplenium nidus

Birds Nest Fern



Description

Epiphytic, rosette-shaped fern with sword-like, undivided fronds growing from a central region. Fronds are smooth-textured, glossy, light green with a dark brown/black midrib, 60 to 120cms long and 7 to 20cms wide. In natural conditions this fern can be seen high up in crooks of trees but is generally planted at ground level, beneath a canopy of trees or tree ferns, preferring filtered light, to light shade. Grows well alongside Orchids and Bromeliads. Likes a loose, enriched, organic soil mix, kept as moist and humid as possible. Do not expose to direct sun, other than early morning sun and avoid frost prone zones and coastal exposure. In the growing season can be fertilised twice weekly with a liquid fertiliser but do not apply to centre of rosette.

Specifications

Dimensions	Height: 0.6 to 1m, Width: 1.5m
Aspect:	Part shade
Origin	Eastern Australia, tropical south east Asia
Pests & diseases	Snails and slugs in garden situations and Mealy Bug on indoor plants.
Typical sizes	140mm, 200mm, 300mm