

PLANT CARE GUIDE

ASPARAGUS DENSIFORUS

(ah-SPAIR-ah-gus den-sih-FLOR-us)

COMMON NAMES:

Asparagus Fern, Emerald Feather, Lace Fern, Plumosa Fern, Racemose Asparagus, Shatavari, Sprengeri Fern, Foxtail Fern, Cat's Tail Asparagus, Myer's Asparagus

FAMILY: Asparagacea ORIGIN: South Africa

GROWTH	Clumping
LIGHT	Bright, filtered
WATER	Evenly moist
HUMIDITY	30% - 60%
Temperature	14°C - 28°C
SOIL	Regular potting mix
Container	Self-watering planter
Nutrients	10-10-10 Monthly
Propagation	Seed, division, or tubers
Interiorscape Use	Filler plant, desktop planter
COMMON PESTS	Mealybugs, Aphids, Spider Mites, Scale, Thrips.

Common Issues	Root rot when sitting in water. Lack of light will cause stretching and plant will lose the bushy appearance. Direct sun will crisp the leaves.
COMMENTS	Despite its common names, this plant is not a fern, but actually a type of decorative asparagus. The root system has been known to break pots if left rootbound for too long. If proper conditions are met, small white bell flowers appear, followed by small red fruit.
TOXICITY	Fruit is not edible and will cause stomach aches.