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Evergemiensis Variegated Brake Fern Pteris ensiformis 'Evergemiensis'

Height: 16 inches

Spread: 16 inches

Sunlight: D

Hardiness Zone: 9a

Other Names: Ribbon Fern, Bird's Foot Fern, Cretan Brake Fern



Interesting, arching mound of creamy white fronds with dark green edges and veins that make them appear feather-like; a great container plant for bright indoor areas

Features & Attributes

Evergemiensis Variegated Brake Fern is primarily valued in the home for its cascading habit of growth. Its attractive serrated narrow compound leaves remain creamy white in color with distinctive dark green veins and tinges of chartreuse throughout the year.

This is an herbaceous evergreen houseplant with a shapely form and gracefully arching foliage. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other indoor plants with less refined foliage. This plant may benefit from an occasional pruning to look its best.

Planting & Growing

When grown indoors, Evergemiensis Variegated Brake Fern can be expected to grow to be about 16 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 16 inches. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. This houseplant performs well in both bright or indirect sunlight and strong artificial light, and can therefore be situated in almost any well-lit room or location. It prefers to grow in average to moist soil. The surface of the soil shouldn't be allowed to dry out completely, and so you should expect to water this plant once and possibly even twice each week. Be aware that your particular watering schedule may vary depending on its location in the room, the pot size, plant size and other conditions; if in doubt, ask one of our experts in the store for advice. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soil. Contact the store for specific recommendations on pre-mixed potting soil for this plant.



Evergemiensis Variegated Brake Fern foliage Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

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There are many factors that will affect the ultimate height, spread and overall performance of a plant when grown indoors; among them, the size of the pot it's growing in, the amount of light it receives, watering frequency, the pruning regimen and repotting schedule. Use the information described here as a guideline only; individual performance can and will vary. Please contact the store to speak with one of our experts if you are interested in further details concerning recommendations on pot size, watering, pruning, repotting, etc.

-- THIS IS A HOUSEPLANT AND IS NOT MEANT TO SURVIVE THE WINTER OUTDOORS IN OUR CLIMATE --

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