

Botanical name:
Genus: *Asparagus*
Species: *densiflorus*

Common Name(s): Fox tail

Latin Family Name:

Asparagaceae

English Family Name:

Asparagus

The plant

Origin; country or region: Native to South Africa

Growth habit: A herbaceous perennial plant

Flower description: Insignificant white flowers, followed by red berries

Blooming period/availability: Perennial

Leaf/Foliage Description: Fern-like, evergreen to semi-deciduous foliage

Usage: Asparagus plants are fairly easy to grow, noted for its dense, fern-like, evergreen to semi-deciduous foliage

STRENGTHS/OPPORTUNITIES:

Often used as a thriller in mixed plantings

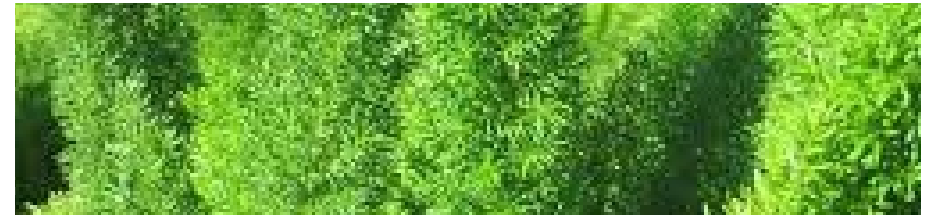
Can be grown indoors as well as outdoors

They can be grown both in the soil as well as pots or in hanging baskets

May be grown in borders or along foundations

Forms an interesting ground cover

Green stems are valued by florists for adding to flower arrangements



Water requirements: Keeping an asparagus fern hydrated takes a little effort, as this plant thrives on humidity

Mist the plant daily, focusing on the arching stems

If the plant appears to be turning brown and droopy, it likely needs more water

Light: The asparagus fern thrives in dappled shade, although it can be acclimated to more light

Keep it out of direct, bright sunlight

Soil/Nutrition requirements: Plant asparagus ferns in pots or containers in moist, loose, well-drained potting soil

Outdoors, plant it in rich, well-drained soil that is slightly acidic

Special care/remarks: While the ferns look soft to the touch, they're quite sharp

Wear gardening gloves if you plan to prune

Asparagus fern is mildly toxic to humans and moderately toxic to pets

Despite having the common name of foxtail fern, these indoor plants are not true ferns

