

Botanical name:
Genus: *Asplenium*
Species: *nidus*

Common Name(s):
Bird nest fern
English Family Name:
Aspleniaceae
English family name:
Spleenwort

The plant

Origin; country or region: Native to the Tropical regions

Growth habit: Slow-growing, epiphytic fern

Flower description (if applicable): NA

Blooming period/availability (if applicable): NA

Leaf/Foliage Description: Simple, entire, strap-shaped, glossy, bright apple green fronds often crinkled, with contrasting dark brown to black midribs and undulating margins. Fronds spread upward and outward to form a vase-shaped, green rosette with a nest-like center (albeit memorialized by some as resembling a bird's nest) into which fallen leaves and other organic matter typically accumulate

Usage : Noted for its shape and distinctive glossy bright green leaves

STRENGTHS/OPPORTUNITIES:

A single fern has good specimen value

Although impressive house plant

Fast growing and easy

No serious problems

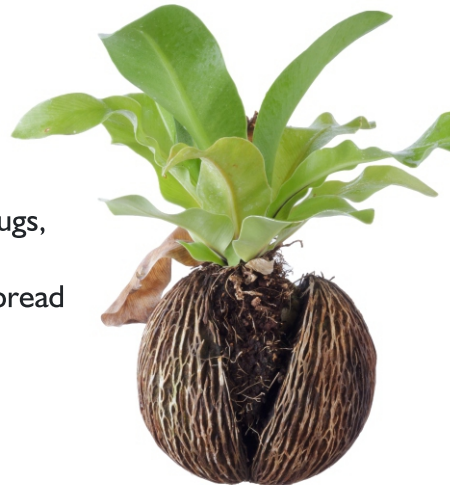
Can be grown on trees/barks as it is an epiphytic

WEAKNESS:

Fragile foliage, handle gently

Susceptible to slugs, snails, scale, mealybugs, bacterial leaf diseases

Larger plants may need more room to spread



This fern often lives in palm trees, where it collects water and humus in its leaf-rosette. It thrives in warm, humid areas in partial to full shade. It dislikes direct sunlight and likes to be in full

Care & Handling

Longevity: 2-3 years

Water requirements: Keep compost moist

Light: Bright light

Soil/Nutrition/Fertilizer: A porous, well-draining potting soil

Special care/remarks: Watch for slugs and scale

Drafts may cause fronds to brown at the edges

Chemical insecticides will damage plants (use soaps if necessary)

Mealybugs & bacterial leaf diseases

