



Foxtail Fern

Care Guide



Light

Thrives in bright, indirect light and partial shade. While foxtail ferns can tolerate direct morning sunlight, prolonged full sun or afternoon sun can burn the foliage.



Water & Humidity

Foxtail ferns have tuberous roots which store water, even when the soil is dry. For this reason, it is easy to overwater this plant. Stick to a schedule of once-a-week waterings giving your fern a good drink, but letting the top three inches of soil dry out completely in between. Prefers moist air. Aim to maintain 40-50% relative humidity. Set pot on a tray of wet pebbles and mist leaves with room-temperature water. Indoor air can become extremely dry in winter; use a cool-mist room humidifier near your plant, if needed.



Temperature

Ideal temperature is 65-70°F



Food

Start feeding your foxtail in the spring, and then continue monthly throughout the growing season using a 10-10-10 plant food at half strength. Foxtail fern responds well to both slow-release fertilizers as well as liquid fertilizers.



Toxicity

Toxic to humans and animals if ingested.



Growers Tips

Foxtail ferns are fairly resistant to common plant pests. However, your foxtail fern could become infested with spider mites, mealybugs, or scale insects. If an infestation occurs, you might notice the plant yellowing. Use a light insecticide or neem oil to resolve the pest problem.