

This bright green fern probably does not resemble the picture you have in your mind of a typical fern. Unlike many ferns, this one has wide strap-shaped, undivided fronds. The fronds are the entire leaf, with no leaflets on the frond. Instead, the fronds of this fern form a bowl shape that has a "nest" made from a brown fuzzy substance from which arise the new fronds. As the fronds form, the round shape of the unfurling fronds looks like small "eggs" in the "nest". It's a beautiful fern with an unusual shape.



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*Asplenium nidus*

## BIRD'S NEST FERN



## Light

Place this fern in a medium light; an east window would be best, but they will grow in a north window as well.

Bright indirect/Medium

## Watering

Keep the potting soil moist at all times, never allowing it to dry out completely, but also keep it out of standing water. Also, water around the edge of the pot NEVER in the center or "nest" of the plant, as it can lead to rotting.



## Feeding

Feed every 2 weeks during the growing season with a balanced houseplant fertilizer, such as Espoma Organic Indoor Houseplant Food.

## Planting & Care

Grow with Black Gold® All Purpose soil and you can mix in charcoal. Set in bright indirect or medium light, away from drafts. Repot every 2 years in the Spring.

## Size

These ferns get quite large in their native habitats and can grow 4 feet high and 3 feet wide in your home if the conditions are favorable. Average size is probably 2 feet high and wide.

## Flower

Ferns do not produce flowers

## Temperature

55-75°F

## Humidity

Moderate to High

## Care

Average

## Cultivars

- 'VICTORIA' - A cultivar that has thinner leaves with wavy edges like a fluted pie crust.
- 'CRISPY WAVE' - This cultivar has leaves that are entirely wavy, not just along the edges like the 'Victoria'
- 'CRISSIE' - This cultivar has fronds that split at the end like a snake's tongue.
- 'LESLIE' - Popular cultivar with crinkly fronds like lettuce.

