

Asparagus densiflorus

(Foxtail Asparagus)

Asparagus fern is a tuberous perennial native to South Africa. The upright stems look like a foxtail with all the firm like leaves. Small white but fragrant flowers appear in the summer time followed by a red berries. In cold climate grown as a house plant in warmer climates use as a ground cover in shade places. Could be invasive in hot climate. Green stems are valued by florists for adding to flower arrangements.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

Pronunciation: ass-SPAR-uh-gus den-sif-FLOR-us

Plant Type: Groundcover

Origin: South Africa

Heat Zones: 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16

Hardiness Zones: 9, 10, 11, 12, 13

Uses: Mass Planting, Indoor, Container, Cut Flowers / Arrangements, Ground cover, Green Wall

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Fast

Tree Shape: Spreading

Height at Maturity: 0.5 to 1 m

Spread at Maturity: 0.5 to 1 meter

Time to Ultimate Height: 2 to 5 Years

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Alternate

Leaf Venation: Nearly Invisible

Leaf Persistence: Evergreen

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: Less than 5

Leaf Shape: Linear

Leaf Margins: Entire

Leaf Textures: Medium

Leaf Scent: No Fragrance

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Green

Flower

Flower Showiness: False

Flower Size Range: 0 - 1.5

Flower Type: Panicle

Flower Sexuality: Monoecious (Bisexual)

Flower Scent: Pleasant

Flower Color: Yellow

Seasons: Summer

Fruit

Fruit Type: Berry

Fruit Showiness: True

Fruit Size Range: 0 - 1.5

Fruit Colors: Red, White

Seasons: Summer

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

- Frost Tolerant:** Yes
- Heat Tolerant:** Yes
- Drought Tolerant:** Yes
- Salt Tolerance:** Poor

Requirements

- Soil Requirements:** Clay, Loam, Sand
- Soil Ph Requirements:** Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline
- Water Requirements:** Low
- Light Requirements:** Part, Shade

Management

- Toxity:** No
- Invasive Potential:** Yes
- Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases:** No
- Pruning Requirement:** No pruning at all
- Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter:** No
- Surface Rooting:** Yes
- Life Span:** Less than 25
- Diseases:** Leaf Spots, Root rot
- Edible Parts:** None
- Pests:** Mites, Aphids, Mealy-Bug, Snail
- Plant Propagations:** Cutting

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Bark Image



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