

## Asplenium nidus

### (Bird's Nest Fern)

Bird's nest fern is an epiphytic (growing on trees) in its native habitat but in cultivation does well in container or in flower beds. It has a long apple green simple glossy leaf. As a fern it does not have flower nor fruit. It is propagated by spores. The leaves form a rosette which can accumulate organic materials in the center. It grows under medium or low light, and in humid environment. The soil should be rich in organic materials. The leaves get damaged below 10 C. Used mainly indoors, in malls, or in houses. Could be planted as a specimen or in a mass plantation.



Plant Image

#### Landscape Information

**French Name:** Fougère nid d'oiseau

**Pronunciation:** ass-PLÉE-nee-um NYE-dus

**Plant Type:** Groundcover

**Origin:** Hawaii, Middle Africa, Southern Asia, Polynesia

**Heat Zones:** 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13

**Hardiness Zones:** 9, 10, 11

**Uses:** Specimen, Mass Planting, Indoor, Container

#### Size/Shape

**Growth Rate:** Moderate

**Tree Shape:** Upright

**Canopy Symmetry:** Symmetrical

**Canopy Density:** Open

**Canopy Texture:** Coarse

**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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### Botanical Description

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#### Foliage

**Leaf Arrangement:** Spiral

**Leaf Venation:** Pinnate

**Leaf Persistence:** Evergreen

**Leaf Type:** Simple

**Leaf Blade:** 30 - 50

**Leaf Shape:** Linear

**Leaf Margins:** Undulate, Lobate

**Leaf Textures:** Glossy, Medium

**Leaf Scent:** No Fragrance

**Color(growing season):** Green

**Color(changing season):** Green

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Leaf Image

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Other Image

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### Horticulture Management

#### Tolerance

**Frost Tolerant:** No

**Heat Tolerant:** Yes

**Drought Tolerant:** No

**Salt Tolerance:** Poor

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#### Requirements

**Soil Requirements:** Loam, Sand

**Soil Ph Requirements:** Acidic, Neutral

**Water Requirements:** High, Moderate

**Light Requirements:** Part, Shade

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#### Management

**Toxity:** No

**Invasive Potential:** No

**Surface Rooting:** No

**Life Span:** Less than 25

**Edible Parts:**

**Pests:** Snail

**Plant Propagations:** Spores

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