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'Cobra'®

Polypodium polycarpon 'Grandiceps'

"Cobra"® is technically a rare and unusual fern. It is not a fern that has been extensively propagated and as a result it is not known as well as it should be. "Cobra"® is quite adaptable to many growing situations. It is perfectly happy in a pot, but it can also be grown on a piece of driftwood or mounted on a board with some moss. It does have some special 'likes' and 'don't likes' noted below.



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Growing Information

Zone: 9-10

Light: Filtered sun. Inside the home the danger is 'too dark'.

Temperature: Comfortable house temperatures are fine. Can be grown outside as long as temperatures do not go below the low 40's.

Feed: Quarter strength of any soluble fertilizer when new growth is present. Miracle Gro® or equivalent works well.

Water: ...more ferns are harmed by overwatering than holding back on the water. Water well then allow to dry lightly before watering again. "Cobra"® is quite water sensitive and it must get plenty of air to its roots between waterings.

Potting Mix: Should have some peat to hold fertilizer salts and moisture, but the mix must drain very well. Dolomite lime supplies Ca and Mg helps keep good color.

Pest Control: Quite pest-free. Most pests can be brushed off with a Q-tip and alcohol or just plain water if found early enough.

Pot size: 6" to 8" pots or a piece of Redwood or Cedar bark. Plastic pots dry out more evenly but clay looks great.

Repotting: Can stay for a very long time in a pot. Problems arise when it is so pot bound that it requires water too often. Your fern can then be moved up to a larger pot, or divided quite safely into several new pots.

