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'Rabbit's Foot Fern'

Davallia trichomanoides

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Davallia trichomanoides is the most versatile of ferns with a showy rhizome (foot). The feet come right over the edge of the pot and wrap around the outside of the container. If it is initially planted high in the container, it will be easy for the rhizomes to come over the edge rather than having to first climb up the inside before being seen!



Growing Information

Zone: 8-10

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

Temperature: Comfortable house temperatures are fine. Can be grown outside even down to the teens! It will lose its fronds and come back when the weather turns warm again.

Feed: Quarter to half 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.

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 and helps keep good color.

Pest Control: Generally pest-free but must be inspected regularly. Don't let pests get a good start. Most pests can be brushed off with a Q-tip and alcohol or just plain water if found early enough.

Pot size: 6" to 10" pots or 6" to 10" baskets. Plastic pots dry out more evenly but clay looks great.

Repotting: If left in a pot for a very long time (such as years) the feet will eventually make a ball of feet around the pot. They can be perfectly happy this way and the table fern automatically turns into hanging basket! When it is so pot bound that it requires water every day or so it can be a problem unless you can attach some kind of drip water system to the pot. Your fern can then be moved up to a larger pot, or divided quite safely into several new pots. (See our [Fern Tips](#) page for simple tricks to help when repotting your ferns).

