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'White Rabbit's Foot Fern'

Humata tyermanii

Humata gets its common name, 'White Rabbit's Foot' from the white fur on the feet (rhizomes) that come over the edge of the pot. It is a very easy fern to grow. The most common problems for the consumer result from too little light and too much water. Baskets of Humata can be hung outside and will survive night temperatures into the teens! All the fronds will be shed and new ones will grow when it warms up again.



Culture for best commercial production:

Light: 1200 fc to 2000+ fc. No light meter? The shadow from your hand on a flat surface should be clear but the edges should be fuzzy.

Temperature: 60° to 85° F. Survives temperatures well above and below but growth slows or stops altogether.

Feed: 100 to 150 ppm on constant feed (15-5-15) with available Ca, Mg & pH around 6.

Watering: more ferns are harmed by overwatering than holding back on the water. Water well then allow to dry lightly before watering again.

Potting mix: this is often dictated by what is available locally. The key elements are low salts and excellent drainage. Some peat helps to retain fertilizer salts and keep water available to the root hairs.

Pest Control: Talstar(r) + Orthene(r) works well as a preventative program for aphids or scale during the warm months.

Container: can be grown as a table fern or hanging basket, and it can also be grown in Azalea pots to be used in the landscape in temperate climate areas.

Schedule: (starting with a Santa Rosa Tropicals plug) 4" starter pot - 10 to 12 weeks 6" pot - 16 to 18 weeks from a 4" pot 8" pot - 18 to 24 weeks from a 4" pot 8" basket - 18 to 24 weeks from a 4" pot Pot all year on a regular rotation for year round sales.

