PLANT FACT SHEET

Microsorum punctatum (L.) Copel.

GENUS *Microsorum* **FAMILY** Polypodiaceae

COMMON NAMES Fragrant fern, Climbing bird's nest fern

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Fronds

DESCRIPTION

A leafy fern. It has a slender creeping rhizome. It is fleshy. It is covered with a dense mass of black roots. The fern grows 0.3-1.2 m high. It can grow in soil or on rocks. The fronds are narrow and pale green. They are 30-120 cm long by 4-10 cm wide. They are leathery and undivided. They grow erect. Some varieties have lobed leaves. There are a range of cultivated varieties. The spore bodies are 0.1 cm across. They grow on the upper half of the fronds.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It suits warm climates. It grows on boulders and amongst rocks in dry forest. It suits hardiness zones 11-12.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from spores or by division.

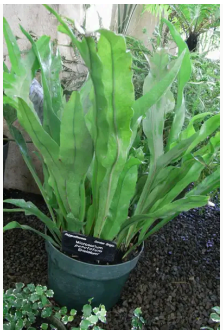
NOTES

There are about 60 Microsorum species. They grow in the tropics.

PICTURES



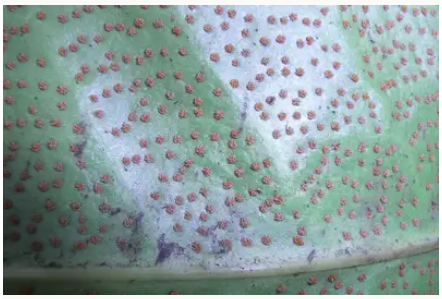
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