Hardy Schefflera

Schefflera delavayi



Hardy Schefflera foliage
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Height: 7 feet

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 7b

Description:

A surprisingly hardy variety, featuring broad, umbrella-like compound leaves that emerge with a tan colored fuzz; long, lacy sprays of tiny cream flowers appear in fall; adds texture and tropical interest to bright indoor areas

Features & Attributes

Hardy Schefflera features airy panicles of creamy white flowers rising above the foliage in early fall. Its attractive glossy lobed compound leaves emerge tan, turning dark green in color with pointy light green spines throughout the year.

This is a multi-stemmed evergreen houseplant with an upright spreading habit of growth. This plant can be pruned at any time to keep it looking its best.

Planting & Growing

When grown indoors, Hardy Schefflera can be expected to grow to be about 7 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 feet. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. This houseplant performs well in both bright or indirect sunlight and strong artificial light, and can therefore be situated in almost any well-lit room or location. It does best in average to evenly moist soil, but will not tolerate standing water. The surface of the soil shouldn't be allowed to dry out completely, and so you should expect to water this plant once and possibly even twice each week. Be aware that your particular watering schedule may vary depending on its location in the room, the pot size, plant size and other conditions; if in doubt, ask one of our experts in the store for advice. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soil. Contact the store for specific recommendations on pre-mixed potting soil for this plant.

There are many factors that will affect the ultimate height, spread and overall performance of a plant when grown indoors; among them, the size of the pot it's growing in, the amount of light it receives, watering frequency, the pruning regimen and repotting schedule. Use the information described here as a guideline only; individual performance can and will vary. Please contact the store to speak with one of our experts if you are interested in further details concerning recommendations on pot size, watering, pruning, repotting, etc.