

Button fern

Pellaea rotundifolia Also known as: **Roundleaf Fern**

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This description is for **Button fern (Pellaea rotundifolia)**:

A small, clump-forming evergreen perennial fern, *Pellaea rotundifolia* actually looks nothing like the traditional fern - not least due to the very feature that has earned it its common name, the button fern. Its foliage comprises pairs of small, round, glossy and slightly hairy, dark green leaves, growing along thin, light brown, woody stems. A popular option for potted indoor plants, the button fern makes for an excellent rockery or woodland plant. It thrives in moist but well-drained slightly acidic soil, preferably in partial shade to protect it from hot sunlight. Tender to frost, plant in a sheltered area and mulch in winter, or simply grow under glass.



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Plant	Environment	Usage
Known dangers? no	Acidity Acidic Neutral	Standard category Grasses, ferns & bamboo Ferns
Height [m] 0.3	Hardiness zone Z8-10	Grown for Ornamental Foliage
Spread [m] 0.4	Heat zone H10-8	Creative category Kid Approved For Beginners We love the dark For every season Author's choice

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Dominant flower colour Inconspicuous or absent	Winter temperatures [°C] -12 - 4	Garden type Indoor or winter garden Rock garden Containers
Flower Fragrance No, neutral please	Heat days 90 - 180	Garden spaces Shade
Foliage in spring Green	Moisture well-drained but frequently watered	Gardening expertise beginner
Foliage in summer Green	Soil type sandy Clay loams	Time to reach full size up to 10 years
Foliage in Autumn Green	Sun requirements Full sun Partial shade Full shade	
Foliage in winter Green	Exposure Sheltered	
Awards? Yes, let it smell		
Propagation methods Spores		
Growth habit Clump-forming		