

Japanese tassel fern

Polystichum polyblepharum

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This description is for *Japanese tassel fern (Polystichum polyblepharum)*:

A clump-forming, medium-sized evergreen fern, *polystichum polyblepharum* is arguably one of the most elegant examples of the genus. Its foliage comprises slender, dark green, lance-shaped fronds that feature tiny, sword-shaped leaflets. Commonly known as the tassel fern, these fronds unfurl from crosiers that are curled backwards, causing the young leaflets to hang downwards like tassels. Like most types of fern, it thrives in partial shade, in humus-rich, moist but well-drained soil, making it ideal as woodland under-planting. While hardy, the Japanese tassel fern requires regular watering and winter mulch to ensure best results. Pruning away damaged fronds encourages healthier growth.



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Plant	Environment	Usage
Known dangers? no	Acidity Acidic Neutral Alkaline	Standard category Grasses, ferns & bamboo Ferns
Height [m] 0.6 - 0.8	Hardiness zone Z6-8	Grown for Ornamental Foliage
Spread [m] 0.9	Heat zone H8-5	Creative category 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] -23 - -7	Garden type Woodland Rock garden
Flower Fragrance No, neutral please	Heat days 30 - 120	Garden spaces Shade Ground cover Borders
Foliage in spring Green	Moisture well-drained well-drained but frequently watered	Gardening expertise beginner
Foliage in summer Green	Soil type sandy Clay chalky loams	Time to reach full size up to 10 years
Foliage in Autumn Green	Sun requirements Partial shade Full shade	
Foliage in winter Green	Exposure Exposed Sheltered	
Awards? Yes, let it smell		
Propagation methods division Spores		
Growth habit Clump-forming Spreading		