

# Southern Maidenhair Fern



Beloved for their delicate look. Like most ferns, this specimen with wiry stems and delicate leaves thrives in a moist, humid environment.

## *Adiantum capillus-veneris*

- **Use:** An exquisite jewel found in nature across the southern United States as well as tropical areas throughout the world. It is very partial to limestone (higher pH) areas. This species is quite variable with all its manifestations being beautiful.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Part shade-shade. Water to keep the soil evenly moist but not soggy. Occasionally, water heavily so that excess water drains from the soil, flushing out accumulated salts from the root ball. Discard the drainage. DO NOT FORGET TO WATER!
- **Growth:** Creep about forming a ground covering 8 to 18 inch canopy of airy foliage.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 7-10, Perennial, Houseplant
- **Foliage:** It features bipinnate to tripinnate fronds with wiry, black stems that are distinctively arching to pendent. Small pinnae (each to 1/2" long) are fan-shaped, having wedge-shaped bases and irregular lobing at the apex. Sori (spores) appear in summer on the reflexed pinnae undermargins. It is similar in appearance to northern maidenhair fern (*Adiantum pedatum*), except among other things its fronds are unforked. Soft delicate finely textured foliage is attractive in woodland areas.
- **Flower:** No flowers.