

Prickly or Rigid Holly Fern



**Evergreen,
shade-
loving, and
deer resistant.**



***Polystichum rigens* (AKA Shield Fern)**

- **Use:** This is a most handsome fern with durable leathery fronds of a lightly glazed green. Spring growth is characterised by golden hued, spear shaped fronds that mature to medium green.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Prefers filtered shade in moist humus rich soil . Use slow release fertilizer two times a year.
- **Growth:** Will grow 16" to 18" tall and spreads slowly up to 24" wide.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 5-8; Perennial
- **Foliage:** Evergreen; The spine-tipped falcate pinnules make the fronds slightly prickly to the touch and are a marvelous sight when viewed on a horizontal plane. shaded rock gardens, or at woodland's edge.
- **Flower:** none