

# Fishtail Fern



They are used as indoor, greenhouse or terrace plants; in tropical climates they are used to form groups and as isolated specimens, better under trees. In Asia the leaves are boiled as a vegetable and roots are pounded to make flour.

## *Nephrolepis falcata*

- **Use:** Outstanding bright green fronds that can grow up to 3+ feet long over time make this a must have fern for any plant lover. The elegant cascading stems are easily grown in-ground in smaller urban gardens where space is limited or potted in a decorative container for enjoyment on your porch or balcony.
- **Exposure/Soil:** They do best in filtered light, with mainly morning sun (afternoon sun will burn leaves). Water regularly, when top 3 in. of soil is dry. Use slow release fertilizer for best results. Ferns love humidity. Just be sure to water in the mornings if possible. Water under the leaves, and they hate being watered in the center of the plant.
- **Growth:** Long fronds grow up to 3' long, and grown in a basket could be almost 8' wide.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 9-11, Annual, Houseplant
- **Foliage:** The fronds (leaves) reach 1 meter in length and are formed by bifurcated lobes at the tip of an intense green color. Spores appear on the underside.
- **Flower:** No flowers.