

# BIRD'S NEST FERN

**Botanical Name** *Asplenium nidus*

**Ethylene Sensitivity** No

**Interior Light Level** 75–150 foot candles

**Storage** 50–65°F. Store for one week or less.

**Purchasing Hints** Plants should be compact with glossy green leaves that are insect free.

**Additional Information** Lower light levels induce smoother fronds, while higher light levels result in a more crinkled leaf (frond). High fertilization may cause abnormal, twisted, aborted and crinkled fronds (leaves or foliage of ferns). Nematodes can cause gray to brown areas near the base of the fronds. Drying out and high fertilizer may result in leaf tip burn. Bird's Nest is chill sensitive; hold at temperatures above 50°F.

*Asplenium* comes from the Greek meaning that it can cure diseases of the spleen. The specific epithet, "nidus," means nest-shaped. Being a true fern, it reproduces by spores, not seeds.