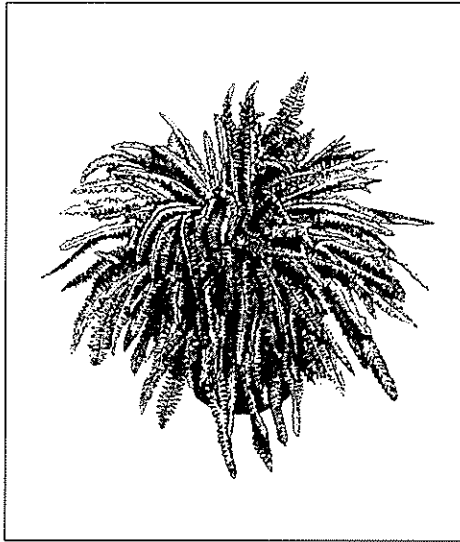


BOSTON FERN



Nephrolepis is Greek for kidney scale. Some of these species are in continuous states of mutation which can result in numerous odd forms. The specific epithet, "exaltata," means very tall, a misnomer for this plant.

Botanical Name *Nephrolepis exaltata*

Ethylene Sensitivity No

Interior Light Level 75–150 foot candles. Plants maintained at low light levels for extended periods will develop few new fronds.

Storage 60–65°F. Acclimatized plants can be stored for up to 15 days at proper temperature and humidity. Ideally, plants will be stored for 1 week or less.

Purchasing Hints Avoid plants with discolored or dead frond (leaf or foliage of fern) tips.

Additional Information Many cultivars of Boston fern are available on the market today. Plants range from compact to large plants with pendulous and graceful fronds. Normal levels of chlorine found in drinking waters are not harmful. Do not indiscriminately spray pesticides on this species, as it is sensitive to a wide range of chemicals.