

Davallia Trichomanoides, Small Rabbit Foot Fern - Plant



Davallia Trichomanoides is a finely textured evergreen fern with green fronds growing from attractive fuzzy, red-brown creeping rhizomes.

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Description

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The plant is called umbrella plant because it has a grass-like habit with sprays of foliage at the top of the stems. These sprays of foliage radiate out like the spokes in an umbrella. The stems are rigid and triangular and have white pith inside. The pith is the source of papyrus paper. Papyrus has no frost tolerance and should be moved indoors for the winter. In their native habitat, these ferns are often epiphytic, which explains their creeping rhizomes. In indoor cultivation, they are frequently grown as hanging plants or long-term potted plants.

Common name	Flower colours	Bloom time	Height	Difficulty
Fabaceae, Gulabi Siris	pink-white	-	0.5 to 1.5 ft.	medium

Planting and care

Along with clumping ferns, the *Davallia* are relatively easy to propagate. You can propagate from spores, but it's just as easy to divide the underground rhizome and split your fern in two, potting up each half into a new container. It's best to perform this operation on older plants so you can get the most viable rhizome possible.

Sunlight	Soil	Water	Temperature	Fertilizer
Light Shade, Partial to Full Shade	6.1 to 6.5 (mildly acidic)	These ferns love humidity and will require both frequent watering and frequent misting. It's important not to let the rhizomes dry out, which will weaken and possibly kill the plants.	<i>Davallia trichomanoides</i> will survive temperatures down to -5c although plants are much happier when kept frost free.	Feed with a weak liquid fertilizer throughout the growing season.

Caring for *Davallia Trichomanoides*

- These do not need frequent repotting and in fact should be encouraged to overgrow their pots a little bit.
- This is especially true for hanging plants, which look better when they cascade slightly and their unique rhizomes are visible protruding from the container.
- For best growth, repot every other year.
- Be aware that these plants are very sensitive to accumulated fertilizer salts, in part because of their rhizomes.
- Make sure to flush the soil very well at least once a year and even soak the root ball to clean out fertilizer.

Typical uses of *Davallia Trichomanoides*

Special features:

Ornamental use: They are grown as Container, Groundcover, Hanging Basket, Houseplant.

References

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