

Frosty Fern Care

Selaginella Kraussianna

Frosty ferns prefer shade.



Water

● They like to be kept moist! Your Frosty fern will be happy if you water it a few times each week, particularly in rooms with low humidity. Always take great care to never let your Frosty fern dry out, moisture is key!

● Keep the air around it as humid as you can, by placing the pot on top of a drainage dish filled with gravel and water. Ensure that the bottom rests on top of the gravel and not in the water, the roots should never be kept soaked.

Food

● Feed every 2-3 weeks using a liquid organic fern fertilizer. Avoid fertilizing when the tips of the fronds are white.



Light

● Frosty ferns prefer a shady spot, but they can tolerate early morning, and very late afternoon light. If they receive too much light, or if they are placed in full sun by a window for too long, they will wilt very quickly within a few hours. In the wild, they creep beneath canopies as a thick ground cover, so they are used to and enjoy the shade.

Temperature

● If you are warm enough in the house, than your Frosty fern is also quite comfortable! It will do best in temperatures between (23°C) 75F and (30°C) 85F. Never let temperatures fall below (10°C) 50F, the stress will make your fern susceptible to fungus.



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About

● Frosty ferns are not really a true fern, and are more of a fern-cousin in the family of Selaginella. A creeping ascendant plant, Frosty ferns have scale like leaves (microphylls) on branching stems from which roots also arise.

● Like other spike moss, these roots often branch repeatedly and dichotomously. These adventitious roots are considered to be specialized root bearing branches and are called rhizophores. The stem above each of the adventitious roots bears a strobilus.

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