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- Botanical Name: *Microsorium musifolium*
- Common Name: Alligator Fern, Crocodyllus Fern, Crocodile Plant
- Plant Family: Polypodiaceae
- Mature Size: Up to 5 ft.
- Growth Habit: Clumping
- Bloom Color: N/A
- Bloom Form: N/A
- Bloom Time: N/A
- Water Needs: Regular Watering
- Light Needs: Indirect to Low Light
- Recommended Zones: 10, 11
- Key Features: Unique Veined Strap Foliage, Scaled Texture, Low Light Tolerant
- Suggested Uses: Hanging Basket, Indoor Decor, Potted Ornamental
- Growers Notes : Alligator fern may require supplemental humidity indoors.



Microsorium musifolium or Alligator Fern is a particularly attractive fern known for its ability to add a tropical feel to low light areas. These ferns are aptly named as their dark veining creates a pattern on their elongated leaves that resembles alligator scales. Crocodile print takes on a sophisticated air as these ferns grow densely up to 5 feet in diameter with delicate protruding fronds.

As with most ferns when grown indoors, Alligator fern requires a high humidity environment with low light. Areas of the home such as the kitchen and bathroom may provide sufficient humidity, but these ferns could occasionally need misting to avoid drying out. As they grow in a clumped form Crocodile plant can be displayed in a hanging basket or large pot that can sustain its weight.

Direct planting of 4 inch starters is not recommended. For success with your new Alligator Fern follow these helpful tips:

- Plant in well draining soil.
- Locate in full sun or partial shade
- Provide supplemental irrigation until well established.
- Feed a good quality bloom boosting fertilize with the initial planting and yearly thereafter.
- Protect from frost and freeze until very well established.

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Care of Your New Shade Garden Plant

Here are a few basic guidelines for handling and caring for your new plant:

Check the recommended USDA Zone Range for the plant. Many gardeners are able to successfully grow plants outside their recommended Zones, but this is dependent upon providing the type of environment and care the plant needs.

- Immediately plant or repot the new plant into a prepared bed or a 6 inch to 10 inch diameter pot that can drain easily and thoroughly.
- Use a good quality commercial potting media.
- Apply a high quality, slow release plant food according to the label directions. Do not use hot, all chemical fertilizers like 6-6-6 or 10-10-10.
- Locate in light to moderate shade. This plant must be protected from hot, direct afternoon sun.
- Maintain consistent and uniform moisture in the soil. Take care not to over water.
- Packing crystals may be reused to conserve water, but do so with caution as they hold 6000 times their weight in water. If reusing the crystals, mix and incorporate them thoroughly throughout the potting media.
- Be sure the pot can drain and that the bottom of the pot does not sit submerged in water for more than a few hours.
- Supplement feed with a water soluble plant food every 2-3 weeks according to the label directions.
- Prune or pinch lightly and often when the plant is young and actively growing to strengthen the central stalk and encourage branching and build uniform shape.
- Monitor for signs of disease or insects and treat accordingly.
- Protect from frost and freeze, as even cold tolerant plants can be damaged by cold, and tropicals will perform better, flower earlier, and live longer within their Zone Range when protected from cold temperatures.

Many tropical and subtropical plants can be grown as potted plants indefinitely, and can be successfully wintered over, or adapted to growing indoors year round in colder climates, so long as they are moved indoors well ahead of temps into the 30°F's, are maintained in warm environment (minimum 40°F) with adequate, full spectrum light, consistent soil moisture is maintained, and any pest or disease issue are promptly and properly addressed.

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Some minor damage in shipping is sometimes an unavoidable part of the process, and is not considered to be a defect. Shippers can sometimes handle packages roughly, and despite our best efforts with packaging, a shipment can be damaged during the trip. Some minor issues are normal, expected, temporary, cosmetic and not considered to be a defect in the product, as the plant will quickly recover and grow normally, so please note:

- A few branches may break. It's ok. They will grow back.
- Some leaves may turn yellow and fall off. It's ok. They will grow back.
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1. The box with the address label visible,
2. The plant(s)
3. A brief explanation of the problem.

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Failure to notify us within 24 hours of arrival, to provide photo validation, or proceeding with planting before contacting us voids this Warranty. Failing to promptly pick up your package from parcel lockers, post office boxes, or other drop points also voids this Warranty. For the fastest response and immediate access to our Customer Service Department, please contact us directly through our email at service@emeraldgoddessgardens.com

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