

Asparagus Plumosus

Most people think of this as an exterior plant however it makes a great interior plant in a bright room. Keep moist and give it plenty of room light. It will create an eloquent canopy of leaves that will rise above the pot that it is in. Will stay root bound for a number of years in the pot. Do not let it sit in water, tip over pot and drain off the excess water.



Asparagus is a genus in the plant family Asparagaceae comprising up to 300 species. The most well-known species is the edible *Asparagus officinalis*, commonly referred to as just asparagus. Other members of the genus are grown as ornamental plants. Species such as *Asparagus setaceus* are finely branched and are misleadingly known as "asparagus fern". The most popular ornamental species are *Asparagus plumosus*, *Asparagus densiflorus*, and *Asparagus sprengeri*.

Many species from Africa are now included in the genera *Protasparagus* and *Myrsiphyllum*. Species in this genus vary in their appearance, from herbs to somewhat woody climbers. Most species have photosynthetic flattened stems, called phylloclades, instead of true leaves. *Asparagus officinalis*, *Asparagus schoberioides*, and *Asparagus cochinchinensis* are dioecious species, with male and female flowers on separate plants.

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Asparagus acutifolius

Asparagus aethiopicus (= *Protasparagus aethiopicus*)

Asparagus africanus (= *Protasparagus africanus*) - African Asparagus

Asparagus asparagoides (= *Myrsiphyllum asparagoides*) - Smilax, African Asparagus Fern, (Austr.) Bridal Creeper

Asparagus cochinchinensis - Tian men dong in Chinese.

Asparagus declinatus - Foxtail Asparagus Fern, (Austr.) Bridal vein

Asparagus densiflorus (= *Protasparagus densiflorus*) - Ground Asparagus, Asparagus Fern, (S. Afr.) Emerald Fern, Basket Asparagus

Asparagus densiflorus 'Sprengeri' (= *Protasparagus densiflorus* 'Sprengeri') - Sprenger's Asparagus

Asparagus falcatus

Asparagus flagellaris

Asparagus macowanii (= *Protasparagus macowanii*)

Asparagus maritimus

Asparagus officinalis - Asparagus

Asparagus officinalis officinalis - Garden Asparagus

Asparagus officinalis prostratus

Asparagus plumosus (= *Asparagus setaceus*)

Asparagus Plumosus Nanus is a greenhouse variety, bearing fern-like foliage.

Asparagus racemosus

Asparagus scandens

Asparagus schoberioides

Asparagus setaceus (= Protasparagus setaceus) - Lace Fern, Asparagus Fern, Florist's Fern, (Austr.) Climbing Asparagus

Asparagus sprengeri (= Asparagus densiflorus 'Sprengeri')

Asparagus tenuifolius

Asparagus umbellatus

Asparagus vaginellatus Bojer ex Baker

Asparagus virgatus

[edit]Pests and diseases

Asparagus Beetle (*Crioceris asparagi*)

Spotted Asparagus Beetle (*Crioceris duodecimpunctata*)

Asparagus Fern Caterpillar, also known as Beet Armyworm, *Spodoptera exigua*.

Asparagus Fly *Platyparaea poeciloptera*, a fruit fly

Fusarium root and crown rot, caused by two species of fungi, *Fusarium moniliforme* and *Fusarium oxysporium asparagi*

Asparagus rust, caused by the fungus *Puccinia asparagi*

Botrytis blight, caused by the fungus *Botrytis cinerea*

The larvae of some *Lepidoptera* species have been recorded feeding on Asparagus. These include *Coleophora lineapulvella*, Ghost Moth, The Nutmeg, Small Fan-footed Wave, and Turnip Moth

[edit]Invasive species

A. asparagoides, known as bridal creeper, is a problematic weed in southern Australia.[1][2]

A. asparagoide, *A. densiflorus* and *A. scandens* are listed on the New Zealand National Pest Plant Accord since they are invasive plants.

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