Nephrolepis exaltata

COMMON NAME
Southern sword fern

FAMILY
Nephrolepidaceae

AUTHORITY
Nephrolepis exaltata (L.) Schott

FLORA CATEGORY
Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS
Ferns

CONSERVATION STATUS
Not assessed

DISTRIBUTION

HABITAT
Urban areas and disturbed forest margins. Often a glasshouse 'weed'.

FLOWERING
Not Applicable - spore producing

FRUITING
Not Applicable - spore producing

PROPAGATION TECHNIQUE
Easily grown from rooted pieces and can be grown from spores. Indications are that this species, at least in the warmer parts of New Zealand is likely to be as invasive as Nephrolepis cordifolia

YEAR NATURALISED
2014

ORIGIN
Unknown

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION
An ornamental species

ETYMOLOGY
nephrolepis: Kidney scale

ATTRIBUTION
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REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

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