Dizygotheca elegantissima

FALSE ARALIA

REGION OF ORIGIN

South Pacific



LIGH.

The False Aralia thrives in bright, indirect light. It can tolerate lower light, but may become leggy and lose some of its vibrant colors. Avoid direct sunlight, as it can scorch the delicate leaves.



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For tropical plants we recommend our Rooted Goods All-Purpose Potting Mix, Uncle Mike's Organic Potting Mix, or Espoma's Organic Potting Mix. All three options are great choices for ensuring healthy growth and thriving plants.



WATER

False Aralia prefers its soil to be evenly moist, but not soggy. Water it when the top 1–2 inches of soil feel dry to the touch. Be sure the pot has good drainage to prevent water from accumulating at the bottom, which can lead to root rot.



FERTILIZER

We recommend fertilizers like Espoma Organic Indoor! Houseplant Food, Jack's Houseplant Special, or Organic Plant Magic. These options provide essential nutrients to keep your plants vibrant and thriving.



TEMPERATURE

The False Aralia thrives in warm temperatures between 60–80°F (15–27°C). It prefers a consistent, mild climate, so avoid placing it in areas with cold drafts or sudden temperature fluctuations, as temperatures below 50°F (10°C) can damage the plant.



ISSUES + FIXES

It can be susceptible to common pests like mealybugs, spider mites, and scale. Regularly inspect your plant for signs of infestation and treat promptly with natural or chemical remedies.



PRUNING & PROPAGATION

To propagate False Aralia, take a 4-6 inch stem cutting with a node (where the leaf meets the stem). Root it in water by placing the cutting in a jar, changing the water every few days, or plant it directly in moist soil. Once roots develop, transplant the cutting into a pot.



PET FRIENDLY?

False Aralia is toxic to pets. It contains compounds that can cause irritation and swelling in the mouth and throat if ingested. Symptoms may include drooling, difficulty swallowing, and vomiting. Keep this plant out of reach of curious pets or opt for pet-friendly alternatives.





