

Golden False Aralia

Pterandra elegantissima

Care instructions



Info

Golden False Aralia (*Plerandra elegantissima*, formerly *Schefflera elegantissima*) is an ornamental shrub native to New Caledonia, prized for its striking, finely serrated foliage that emerges coppery-bronze and matures to deep green. In ideal conditions, it can grow tall and narrow, making it a popular choice for indoor décor and tropical-themed gardens. Golden False Aralia prefers bright, indirect light and consistently warm temperatures, thriving best in well-draining, slightly acidic to neutral soil with moderate humidity. It dislikes cold drafts and overly wet roots. Growth is slow to moderate, and pruning or repotting can encourage a fuller, bushier appearance.

Environmental Considerations

Soil

Light, fast-draining potting mix with added perlite

Upkeep

Maintain moderate humidity; water thoroughly but allow top to dry

