## Fittonia albivenis fit-TOH-neeuh al-bih-VEN-iss

## Common Names: Nerve Plant, Mosaic Plant, Vein Plant

Family: Acanthaceae Origin: Southern Tropical America

Growth: Bushy Light: Bright, well-filtered Foot Candles: 75 - 150 Water: Keep evenly moist Humidity: 30% - 80% Temperature: 15°C - 28°C Soil: Regular potting mix Container: Self-watering planter, living wall, terrarium Nutrients: 10-10-10 Monthly Propagation: Seed, stem cuttings Interiorscape Use: Living walls, desktop plant, interior bed ground cover

**Common Pests:** Mealybugs, Aphids, Spider Mites, Scale, Thrips. **Common Issues**: Root rot when sitting in water. Leaves will crisp in drafts or direct sun. Very dramatic droop when plant is thirsty.

**Comments:** A low-grounding spreading ground cover plant with attractive coloured veins across the leaves. Will readily flower when fertilized but is grown mainly for foliage. Often called a "drama-queen" due to the intense drooping it displays when experiencing a lack of water. Fittonia will easily bounce back after receiving water and return to normal. A mature plant in a container will trail down the side of the pot. **Toxicity:** Safe.

