

# COONTIE

*Zamia pumila*

If ever there were a perfect all-round plant, this would be it. This low, evergreen cycad shrub with glossy green foliage fits almost every bill. It thrives in sun or shade environments, has few pests, never needs pruning, doesn't spread uncontrollably and is fairly easy to propagate from seed. It rarely exceeds a height or spread of four feet and works perfectly as a low evergreen hedge, foundation plant or ground cover. Slow-growing at first, it reaches a height of three feet in under three years. It also makes a perfect potted specimen for a terrace or patio.

