

Staghorn Fern - Plant



Staghorn ferns have an out of this world appearance. The plants have two types of leaves, one of which resembles the horns of a large herbivore.

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Description

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The plants grow outdoors in warm season locations and indoors elsewhere. Mounted or in a basket is how to grow a staghorn fern, because they are epiphytic, growing in trees generally. Staghorn fern care relies on careful light, temperature and moisture monitoring. Winter hardy to USDA Zone 9-12. In St. Louis, grow indoors in a warm, humid environment in bright indirect light including up to several hours of filtered sun. Avoid full sun. For upright display, tie rootball to a corkboard or slab of bark with insertion of peat moss around the crown.

Common name	Flower colours	Bloom time	Height	Difficulty
Platycerium bifurcatum	Green	Non-flowering	2.00 to 3.00 feet	easy to grow

Planting and care

Though you can find young staghorn ferns sold in pots, mature plants need to be mounted to a board or hung in a hanging basket. Why? Because, like air plants, staghorn ferns are epiphytic plants, which means that in they grow on other plants or trees in their natural growing environments.

In the tropics (and even warmer parts of the US like Florida), staghorn ferns grow to truly massive proportions, jutting dramatically out of the crooks of trees. Their roots hold them in place, and they absorb water and nutrients through their fronds.

Sunlight	Soil	Water	Temperature	Fertilizer
Part shade	well-drained soil	Medium	30F	Apply any organic fertilizer

Caring for Staghorn Fern

Use a spray-bottle that emits a fine, ambient mist, such as a brass mister. Mist the entire plant, focusing on the underside of the antler fronds and the shield fronds.

Typical uses of Staghorn Fern

Special features: Roots must never be allowed to dry out. Occasionally immerse entire root ball (not the fertile fronds) in water for several minutes and then drain.

Culinary use: Use a balanced, water-soluble fertilizer (ratio of 1:1:1).

Ornamental use: A hanging fern makes a great ornamental adornment for any large tree or wall in the garden. For a substrate, most simply use a flat board

Medicinal use: na

References

- <http://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/PlantFinder/PlantFinderDetails.aspx?kempercode=b615>

Reviews

Wednesday, 30 August 2017

Thanks for the extra seeds

Claire Montgomery

Wednesday, 30 August 2017

very durable plant to a wide range of conditions

Anjali Yadav

Saturday, 26 August 2017

Disappointed. The plant is ok but the leaves are damage

Riya Srivastava

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