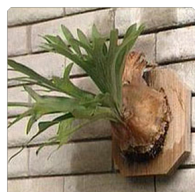


Staghorn Fern - Plant



Platycerium bifurcatum

Rating: Not Rated Yet

Price

Sales price R 605

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Description 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: Platycerium bifurcatum

Color: Green

Bloom time: Non-flowering

Height: 2.00 to 3.00 feet

Difficulty level: easy to grow

Planting & 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: Part shade

Soil: well-drained soil

Water: Medium

Temperature: 30°F

Fertilizer: Apply any organic fertilizer

Care:

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- Mist the entire plant, focusing on the underside of the antler fronds and the shield fronds.
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Special Feature:

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.

Use

Culinary use:

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

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

Note:

No serious insect or disease problems

Reference:

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