

QUICK REFERENCE PLANTING GUIDE

LIGHT/SUN EXPOSURE

Indoors: Bright indirect light.
Outdoors: Part shade.

USDA HARDINESS ZONES

Winter hardy in zones 9-11.
Will thrive as a houseplant in all zones.

PLANT TYPE

Annual/Tropical.

CONTAINER SIZE

One plant per 12-inch or larger container.

MATURE HEIGHT / SPREAD

12 to 24 inches tall with a 24 inch spread.

TIME TO REACH MATURITY

12 months.

FACTS OF NOTE

Makes an excellent houseplant.
Unique antler-like fronds.
Great for wall hangings.



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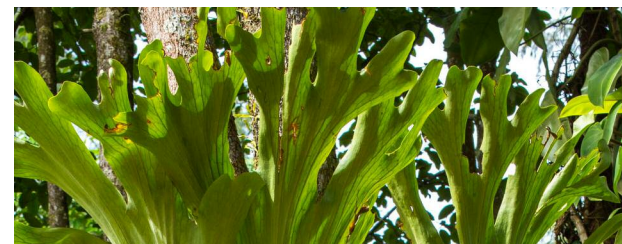
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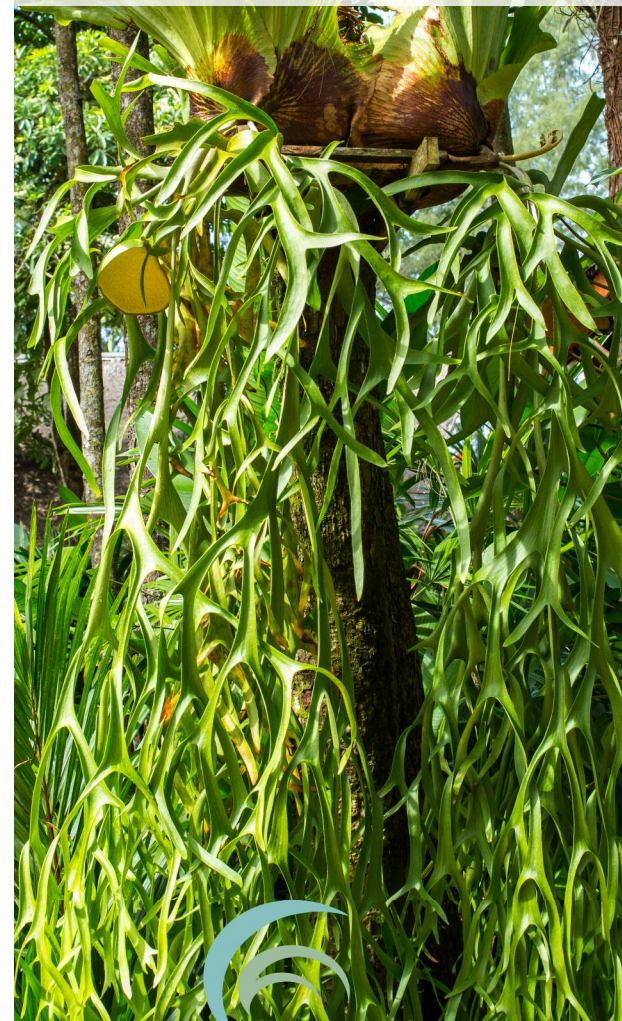
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Staghorn Fern



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OUT OF THE BOX

STAGHORN FERN

Your plant has been shipped to you in a pot. Please remove the plant from the packaging right away and plant as soon as possible following the planting instructions below. If it is not possible to plant right away, follow these important steps:

1. Roll the plastic down around the plant and place it in a sunny location.
2. Keep the plant well watered.

Note: Some leaves may appear wilted or yellow upon arrival. This is due to the stress of shipping and is nothing to worry about. Water the plant and let it recover in a shady location for a few days, then gently remove any foliage that does not recover to allow for new growth.



SHIPPED IN A 5.5-INCH POT.
PLANT SIZE MAY VARY BASED ON GROWING CONDITIONS.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What type of potting soil should I use?

Because staghorn ferns require excellent drainage, they should not be grown in traditional potting soil. Use a mix of orchid bark and cacti soil for best results.

Where should I place my plant?

Place your plant in a brightly lit room away from heat sources, air ducts or drafts. A well-ventilated room with an east or west-facing window is ideal. Place the plant within six feet of a window if possible, and do not allow its leaves to touch the glass.

PLANTING INSTRUCTIONS

We recommend planting your staghorn fern in a container and enjoying it indoors. Use the following instructions as a guide for container planting.

Important: Thoroughly hydrate the plant by submersing the root zone in a container of water for 10 minutes while you prepare for planting.

A Fill the container with soil to within 4 inches of the top. Remove the pot and prepare the root ball for planting by gently disturbing the surface roots with your fingers, fork or gardening tool and pruning any damaged roots. Dig a hole in the soil to insert the lower part of the root ball.

B Once the plant is properly positioned in the pot, begin filling the pot with soil. Work the soil around the root ball with your hands, firming the soil around the plant with your fingers. When the hole is filled, tamp the soil to remove any air pockets.

C Water well and, if necessary, adjust the plant so it is upright and add additional soil if needed. Check to be sure the plant is not planted too deeply. If it is, raise the plant carefully and re-firm the soil.



CONTINUING CARE

FEEDING Feed your plant once every 2-3 weeks during the growing season with a water-soluble fertilizer such as Cottage Farms' Carefree Bud-N-Flower Booster (SKU #M7582). Discontinue fertilizing by September 1st to allow your plant to prepare for winter. Resume fertilizing when new growth begins in spring.

CONTINUING CARE (Continued)

WATERING Staghorn ferns perform best when the soil is allowed to dry out between waterings. Watering once per week is usually sufficient. Water sparingly, taking care to avoid fully saturating the soil. In areas with hard tap water or softened water, consider watering with distilled water or collected rainwater to prevent salts from building up in the soil.

Provide humidity for your plant by misting its shield fronds with a spray bottle each morning or by using a pebble tray. When misting staghorn ferns, take care to mist only the brown shield fronds and avoid the green leaves. Create a pebble tray by placing a shallow tray filled with pebbles and water beneath the plant. Keep the water level slightly below the pebbles so the pot is not submerged in water. As the water evaporates, it will provide humidity for your plant. An automatic room humidifier can also be used to boost the humidity level around your plant.

PRUNING Clip off brown leaf tips as needed, but do not remove the mass of dried fronds (known as the shield fronds) at the base of the plant. Shield fronds absorb nutrients, collect moisture, and help protect the root structure of the plant.

GROWING INDOORS Staghorn ferns make excellent year-round houseplants. Keep your plant in a brightly lit room, preferably one with an east or west-facing window, where the temperature stays between 60-80°F. Wipe its fronds with a damp cloth periodically to prevent dust build-up.

GROWING OUTDOORS Though typically grown indoors, staghorn ferns can be enjoyed outdoors in a protected area during the warm months if desired. Move the plant back indoors before the temperature drops below 50°F.