

Staghorn Fern

(Platycerium bifurcatum)

A true conversation piece, staghorn fern produces antler-like fronds and grows rapidly to enormous size under ideal conditions.

Light

Expose to medium (bright indirect) light. Avoid full sun. East exposure is always best.

Water

Immerse base of plant twice a month into bath of warm water and dilute fertilizer. Never allow moss to dry out completely. Mist frequently. The higher the humidity, the better.

Temperature

Maintain average temperatures. Avoid drafts.

Comments

Wrap base in peat and sphagnum moss, attach to a piece of cork or board with cotton fabric, then fasten board to wall. Or grow in hanging basket with sphagnum moss. Do not remove brown fronds at plant base. Avoid pesticides, which kill this plant. Plant forms plantlets at its base. Propagate by these plantlets or by spores.