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'Netherlands'

Platycerium bifurcatum

'Netherlands' is the most reliable of the commercial varieties of stag-horn ferns. This is mainly because it will tolerate somewhat regular watering which is the nemesis of most staghorn ferns. This fern will grow upright in a pot, or perform well mounted on a board or in a basket. This fern can get quite large...sort of like a goldfish...the bigger the container, the bigger the fern!



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Growing Information

Zone: 9-10

Light: Filtered sun. Inside the home the danger is 'too dark'.

Temperature: Comfortable house temperatures are fine. Can be grown outside as long as temperatures do not have long periods of frost.

Feed: Quarter to half strength of any soluble fertilizer when new growth is present. Miracle Gro® or equivalent works well.

Water: more ferns are harmed by overwatering than holding back on the water. Water well then allow to dry completely before watering again.

Potting Mix: Should have some peat to hold fertilizer salts and moisture, but the mix must drain very well. Dolomite lime supplies Ca and Mg and helps keep good color.

Pest Control: Quite pest-free. Most pests can be brushed off with a Q-tip and alcohol or just plain water if found early enough.

Pot size: 6" or 8" pots or large redwood or cedar boards. Attach to boards with heavy fishing monofilament. The new growth will cover the monofilament.

Repotting: Can stay for a very long time in a pot. Problems arise when it is so pot bound that it requires water too often. Your fern can then be moved up to a larger pot, or divided quite safely into several new pots. (See our '[Fern Tips](#)' page for simple tricks to help when repotting your ferns).

