

# Common Staghorn Fern

**Common name:** "Common Staghorn Fern"    **Latin name:** *Platycerium bifurcatum*

**Native to:** Java to Eastern Australia

**Growth habit:** The growth habit of this plant varies depending on how it was grown.

**Flowers:** No

**Temps:** Tolerates cool temperatures.

**Humidity:** Not critical, but prefers a humid location.

**Pests:** Not effected by many pests.

## Lighting:

Pictured: Mounted Staghorn Fern

**Cultural information:** These are one of our favorite plants. They are easy to grow, easy to propagate and great for chronic over waterers.

Place your "Staghorn Fern" in bright indirect or filtered light. Keep this soil moist at all times watering daily. If your plant is mounted on a board, soak the plant in the sink or a bucket. Feed monthly with a balanced liquid fertilizer. Soak your mounted "Staghorn" in a bucket of fertilizer water, then use the water to feed your other plants. The green or brown paper like layered thing that your plant grows out of is called a shield. New plants will emerge from the sides of the shield.

To propagate your "Staghorn" take a sharp kitchen knife and cut out the young plants leaving about a 2" circle of moss on each pup. Fill the hole in the mother plant with new moss. Pot the pups in a moss based soil or mount them on a board. Board mounting is easy. Find a piece of wood you like. Hammer in about 10 roofing nails in a 12" circle. Fill the circle with 2" of long fibered sphagnum moss.

Plant a pup or two in the moss. Tie a length of waxed or nylon string to one of the nails and just wind the string back and forth around the nails, creating a "spider web" fastening the plant to the board.

"Staghorn Ferns" are available as small starter plants to large mounted specimen plants. Your local garden center center should have a good selection.

**Light key:** Full sun ● Filtered/Partial sun ● No direct sun ●



# Arabian Jasmine or Sambac Jasmine

**Common name:** "Arabian Jasmine" or "Sambac Jasmine" **Latin name:** *Jasminum sambac*

**Native to:** India to Burma

**Growth habit:** An upright woody or vining bush usually not over 36" in height or width.

**Flowers:** Yes, very fragrant cluster of white flowers.

**Temps:** Normal indoor temps

**Humidity:** Not critical.

**Lighting:**



Pictured: 10" Sambac Jasmine Trellis

**Cultural information:** "Arabian Jasmine's" are popular during the spring and summer for use on patio's and covered decks. Unless you have a greenhouse or atrium, most "Sambac Jasmine's" are discarded at the end of the season.

Outdoors place your Jasmine in a bright location that's sheltered from hot mid-day sun. Feed monthly with low nitrogen fertilizer. Most plant foods are labeled with 3 numbers, for example 20-20-20, nitrogen will be the first number listed. Periodically throughout the summer your plant will reward you with several clusters of very fragrant white flowers.

"Sambac Jasmine's" are available during in the spring in larger container sizes either as an upright plant or grown on a trellis.

**Light key:** Full sun  Filtered/Partial sun  No direct sun 

