



## Product Information

*Araucaria heterophylla* or Norfolk Island Pine can reach a height of over 20 metres in their native habitat. As they are not hardy in our region they must be grown indoors where there is insufficient light levels for them to achieve significant annual growth. They will maintain a manageable size when grown in a container in the home.

The beauty and symmetry of the plant as well as the soft texture of the foliage makes it attractive when decorated as a living Christmas tree.

Native Habitat – Norfolk Island (South Pacific)

## Care Tips

Norfolk Island Pines are happiest when kept at a temperature of 19°C with slightly cooler night temperatures, however never lower than 11°C.

Norfolk Pines need bright light, but never full sun and preferably a spot within four feet of a large window. These plants can survive, with only household incandescent or fluorescent lighting if they receive a minimum of 16 hours of light each day. There is no substitute for bright, natural light. Turn the plant frequently to keep it symmetrical.

They should be thoroughly watered weekly in the summer to keep it slightly moist, never soggy. They like to be kept slightly damp to almost dry. If you can press on the surface of the soil and still feel moisture, wait another day or two and check again. Don't let water sit in the saucer for more than a few hours. To avoid a chemical build up in the soil, use distilled water. The water from your dehumidifier is perfect. Feed monthly in the summer with a diluted (half strength) soluble house plant food.

Should you decide to decorate and use your Norfolk as a Christmas tree, be sure the soil is kept sufficiently moist.

If you find that your Norfolk Pine needles fall off, this is due to over watering! If your Norfolk Island Pine has yellow or brown needles that are dropping this is due to the room temperature is too hot for them.