

Latin Name: *Araucaria heterophylla*
Common Name: Norfolk Island Pine
Family: Araucariaceae
Geographic Origin: Norfolk Island

Soil: Use a soil mix of three parts standard potting soil, two parts peat moss and one part perlite.

Temperature: Daytime temperature should be 65°-70°F and the nighttime temperatures should be around 55°F.

Light: Prefers bright indirect light.

Moisture: Water every two to three days.

Fertilization: This plant should be fertilized every other week, alternating between fish and seaweed fertilizers.

Grooming: Repot every three years. If the plant is not sunburnt brown tips would indicate improper watering or inadequate air circulation. Pinch off the browned tips and correct the problem. Turn often to maintain symmetrical growth.

Seasonal Care: Reduce watering and fertilizing during winter months.

Propagation: Vegetative propagation should only be considered if the parent plant is gangly and unattractive. If the tip of *Araucaria heterophylla* is used for a stem cutting, the parent plant will send up multiple stems at the site of the cut, thus destroying the symmetrical shape. Cuttings taken from branch tips grow sideways. The seeds are difficult to obtain and are slow growing.

Pests and Diseases: Check occasionally for scale and mealy bugs.

