

Foliage accents for today's outdoor living areas

Platycerium bifurcatum

“Netherlands”



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INFO NOTE

Key Benefits

“Netherlands” is a selected cultivar of the species, bifurcatum. Bold in appearance and unique in it’s effect in your garden plan, it becomes a talking point in your garden. It gives a modern structured look to establish a focal point in your garden, home or bush house. It is a hardy plant needing little watering once established in semi-shaded areas for pot, basket or as a mounted subject on a tree limb.

Origin

As mentioned before “Netherlands” was selected by Dutch nurserymen for it’s adaption to small pot culture for use in the homes of Europe. Platycerium bifurcatum is a native of the eastern rainforests of Australia where it grows in open areas on larger trees often many metres above the ground. It thrives in this situation on the leaf litter that falls into the crown of the plant and gradually decomposes.

Uses

In gardens where tropical effect is needed one would use “Netherlands” tied firmly to branches of larger trees. Larger hanging baskets are also useful for this versatile plant, it will grow right around the basket and completely cover it so be sure the hangers are sturdy. As a pot plant the bold upright leaves stand tall among other plants in bush houses or in sheltered patios. Once established and with care the large pot can be placed into very sunny places with no real problem for the plant

Care

Platyceriums grow best in a moist atmosphere with good light but shelter from direct sun is afforded. Perfect drainage is needed which is critical if you are growing in a container. In this case use very open potting media similar to that used for most orchids. Occasionally small white scale can attack. Ask your nurseryman for a spray to control these if you see them on the underside of the leaves, With due care to the needs of the plant it is among the easiest of plants to grow .



Aussie Winners® Platycerium Bifurcatum “Netherlands” will be available from good garden centres in all states.

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