

Cultural Information – Platycerium
(plat-ee-SIR-ee-um)

<u>Light:</u>	Partial sun, an eastern or western exposure. They enjoy high light but may be burned if exposed to noonday sun.
<u>Temperature:</u>	Maintain indoor temperatures above 50° or 60° if active growth is desired. Can tolerate freezing temperatures for a few hours.
<u>Humidity:</u>	Preferably 50% or higher; however, they will tolerate low levels with no harm.
<u>Watering:</u>	Need to be thoroughly drenched once a week for several minutes, or when sphagnum thoroughly dries out.
<u>Fertilizer:</u>	Fertilize with half-strength orchid fertilizer every other week during the growing season. Go easy on the fertilizer. Fertilize with ½ tsp of fertilizer per gallon of water. Use a balanced fertilizer like a 15-15-15 or 7-9-5. Excessive fertilization can create difficulties in culture.
<u>Pruning:</u>	Remove any old fronds that have turned brown, which does happen in time.
<u>Insects and Disease:</u>	Resistant to most insects; scale can be a problem if the plant is exposed to an infected plant. They are susceptible to root disease if kept too wet. Do not use insecticides w/ petroleum distillates.