

NORFOLK ISLAND PINE

Botanical Name *Araucaria heterophylla*

Ethylene Sensitivity No

Interior Light Level 100–300 foot candles

Storage 50–65°F. Acclimatized plants can be stored for up to 15 days at proper temperature and humidity. Ideally, plants will be stored for 1 week or less.

Purchasing Hints Purchase sturdy plants that do not require staking for support except for large, specimen types. Multiple plant pots often look better because they are fuller at the bottom.

Additional Information Growing this species under low light often results in plants which appear droopy. This droopy condition is not damaging and should not be confused with water stress symptoms. Growing medium should be uniformly moist. Repeated wilting will result in loss of lower foliage and browning of upper foliage. Leaning stems can be a problem caused by incorrect growing medium, high fertilizer levels, low production light levels, and exposure to high winds.



Araucaria is from Arauco, a province in southern Chile from which a number of species originated. The specific epithet, "heterophylla," means leaves of more than one shape. This particular species is indigenous to Norfolk Island, an isolated island in the South Pacific located about 930 miles north-east of Sidney, Australia. Hence, the common name Norfolk Island pine.