## Araucaria heterophylla ar-ah-KAR-ee-uh het-er-oh-FIL-uh

Common Names: Norfolk Island Pine, Star Pine, Polynesian Pine, Triangle

Tree, Living Christmas Tree

Family: Araucariaceae

Origin: Norfolk Island, near New Zealand

**Growth:** Upwards, branching Light: Bright, can tolerate low Foot Candles: 200 - 250+ Water: Keep moderately moist

Humidity: 40%+

Temperature: 18°C - 28°C Soil: Well draining potting mix **Container:** Self-watering planter,

irrigated bed

Nutrients: 10-10-10 Monthly in Spring &

Summer

**Propagation:** Seed or branch cuttings Interiorscape Use: Imitate the Canadian

outdoors

Common Pests: Mealybugs, Aphids, Spider Mites, Scale, Thrips. Common Issues: Root rot if sitting in water. Needle drop in drafts.

Comments: Not a true pine tree but is a tropical conifer. Used mainly during the Christmas holidays as a living substitute for a cut Christmas tree. Works well in sunny atriums. Branch cuttings, if propagated right, could be used in living walls. Toxicity: Safe.



