







Ant fern species 'Lecanopteris celebica'; 'Starter' (Antf2a) Lecanopteris celebica 'Starter'

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Lecanopteris celebica is more than just a highly attractive looking fern. It also provides a home for symbiotic ants in its hollow roots. This ant fern with lobed leaves is very popular with exotic plant enthusiasts, not least because it is so easy to cultivate.



Plant type:	Place:	Adult width:	Light:	Watering:	Araflora info
					
antplant	indoor	40 cm	semi sun	normal	limited

Product info

In its natural setting, *Lecanopteris celebica* has a mutually dependent or symbiotic relationship with different types of ants. Plants derive nutritional benefit from food sources that ants bring into the rhizome in return for shelter. However, when cultivated as a house plant, *Lecanopteris celebica* does not need ants. While a plant is still young, its rhizome is solid (without cavities), but as it matures, openings start to form, creating a hollow internal space that can be used by ants. In the wild, *Lecanopteris celebica* grows on the Indonesian island of Sulawesi. This type of ant fern is an epiphyte meaning it grows on other plants, usually trees. *Lecanopteris celebica* does not produce flowers but like other types of fern, reproduces by means of spores which form on the undersides of its leaves. The plants supplied by Araflora are of a manageable size.

Height: 10 cm		Width: 5 cm	
Adult height: 100 cm		Adult width: 40 cm	
Flower colour: none		Flower period: all year	
Temperature winter: 15 °C		Product: plant	
Plant type: antplant		Growth habit: creeping	
Properties: special		Growth rate: normal	
Araflora info: limited		Natural habitat: North-East Asia	

Altitude range:
0-1000 m



Plantcare

Lecanopteris celebica prefers a high temperature and a high level of humidity. It also flourishes if growing conditions are less than ideal. It needs good air circulation and plenty of light, but should never be exposed to direct sunlight. The ideal temperature for *Lecanopteris celebica* is around 25° C and certainly no lower than 10° C or higher than 35° C. The best level of humidity is 80%. This ant fern should be watered only when the substrate has dried out completely to prevent the rhizome from rotting. Orchid bark mix is a good growing medium. Ant ferns respond well to being fed with fertiliser.

Care:
normal



Place:
indoor



Place:
artificial lighting



Light:
semi sun



Protection:
water spraying



Fertilize:
medium



Watering:
normal



Watering tips:
watering from above



Watering tips:
water spraying



Air humidity at day:
60-90%



Air humidity at night:
70-90%



Air movement:
normal



Temperature max:
35 °C



Temperature min:
10 °C



Soil ph:
< 6-7>



Soil type:
mixed



Repotting:
after 1 year

