

Blechnum gibbum

(Dwarf Treefern, Silver Lady Treefern)

Silver Lady is a fern which can develop a small trunk in mature age reaching 1 m in height. The plant is growing across the pacific islands. Leaves are growing in a symmetrical rosette and can reach the 90 cm in lengths.

As it is originated from a subtropical area it can not tolerate any frost and needs high humidity most of the year. The ideal temperate is 20-24 during summertime and around 15 C during wintertime. It is used widely as a house plant or indoor places such as malls as it needs to grow in shady or partial shady places.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

<b>French Name:</b> Silver Lady
<b>Pronunciation:</b> BLEK-num GIB-bum
<b>Plant Type:</b> Palm
<b>Origin:</b> Fiji, New Caledonia
<b>Heat Zones:</b> 10, 11, 12
<b>Hardiness Zones:</b> 11, 12, 13
<b>Uses:</b> Specimen, Border Plant, Indoor, Container

Size/Shape

<b>Growth Rate:</b> Slow
<b>Tree Shape:</b> Upright
<b>Canopy Symmetry:</b> Symmetrical
<b>Canopy Density:</b> Medium
<b>Canopy Texture:</b> Medium
<b>Height at Maturity:</b> 1 to 1.5 m
<b>Spread at Maturity:</b> 0.5 to 1 meter

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Flower Image

### Botanical Description

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#### Foliage

**Leaf Arrangement:** Opposite

**Leaf Venation:** Pinnate

**Leaf Persistence:** Evergreen

**Leaf Type:** Bipinnately compound

**Leaf Blade:** 50 - 80

**Leaf Shape:** Linear

**Leaf Margins:** Serrulate

**Leaf Textures:** Glossy, Fine

**Leaf Scent:** No Fragrance

**Color(growing season):** Green

**Color(changing season):** Green

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#### Flower

**Flower Showiness:** False

**Flower Scent:** No Fragrance

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#### Trunk

**Trunk Has Crownshaft:** False

**Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage:** Generally resists breakage

**Number of Trunks:** Single Trunk

**Trunk Esthetic Values:** Showy

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#### Fruit

**Fruit Showiness:** False

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Leaf Image

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### Horticulture Management

#### Tolerance

**Frost Tolerant:** No

**Heat Tolerant:** Yes

**Drought Tolerant:** No

**Salt Tolerance:** Poor

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#### Requirements

**Soil Requirements:** Loam

**Soil Ph Requirements:** Acidic

**Water Requirements:** Moderate

**Light Requirements:** Part, Shade

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#### Management

**Toxity:** No

**Invasive Potential:** No

**Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases:** No

**Pruning Requirement:** No pruning at all

**Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter:** No

**Surface Rooting:** No

**Edible Parts:** None

**Pests:** Caterpillars, Scales, Aphids, Mealy-Bug

**Plant Propagations:** Spores

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Fruit Image