# **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.



#### **Landscape Information**

French Name: Silver Lady

**Pronounciation:** BLEK-num GIB-bum

Plant Type: Palm

Origin: Fiji, New Caledonia

**Heat Zones:** 10, 11, 12

**Hardiness Zones:** 11, 12, 13

Uses: Specimen, Border Plant, Indoor,

Container

### Size/Shape

**Growth Rate:** Slow **Tree Shape:** Upright

Canopy Symmetry: Symmetrical

Canopy Density: Medium
Canopy Texture: Medium
Height at Maturity: 1 to 1.5 m
Spread at Maturity: 0.5 to 1 meter

Plant Image

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Flower Image

### **Botanical Description**

## **Foliage**

Leaf Arrangement: Opposite

Leaf Venation: Pinnate

Leaf Persistance: Evergreen
Leaf Type: Bipinnately compound

Leaf Blade: 50 - 80
Leaf Shape: Linear
Leaf Margins: Serrulate
Leaf Textures: Glossy, Fine
Leaf Scent: No Fragance
Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Green

#### **Flower**

Flower Showiness: False Flower Scent: No Fragance

#### Trunk

Trunk Has Crownshaft: False

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Generally

resists breakage

Number of Trunks: Single Trunk Trunk Esthetic Values: Showy

#### Fruit

Fruit Showiness: False

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#### Leaf Image

# Horticulture Management

#### **Tolerance**

Frost Tolerant: No Heat Tolerant: Yes Drought Tolerant: No Salt Tolerance: Poor

## Requirements

Soil Requirements: Loam
Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic
Water Requirements: Moderate
Light Requirements: Part, Shade

### 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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