

***Platycerium bifurcatum***

(Polypodiaceae)

**Common name:**

Elkhorn.

**Localities:**

Kholo Creek, Moggill State Forest,  
Savages Rd.

**Growth form:**

A large epiphytic bracket fern.

**Foliage:**

Sterile leaves are large and  
more-or-less circular, up to  
about 30 cm in diameter. The  
forked fertile leaves produce  
the spores.

**Flowers and fruit:**

Nil.

**Habitat:**

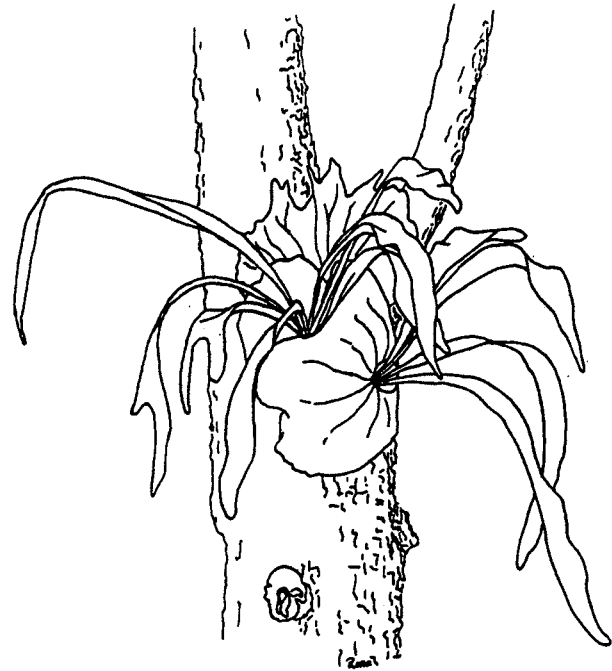
A species of subtropical rainforests.

**Propagation and  
Management:**

May be propagated by division or from  
spores. Elkhorn is moderately hardy, but  
benefits from shade and regular moisture.

**General:**

The related staghorn (*P. superbum*),  
which also occurs in our district, can  
only be propagated from spores, and a  
humid atmosphere is required for the  
sporelings to develop.



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