

***Adiantum pedatum*, Maidenhair Fern.**

(psh/sh)(Zones 3-8)(2x2 feet)

To my way of thinking, the most acceptable of all Ohio native ferns for the garden. The lacy, frilly fronds seem to float effortlessly above the woodland floor giving an ethereal effect to the shady garden. Very easy to grow and once established is very drought tolerant. Excellent with Hostas.

1GAL \$9.45 #1538

***Athyrium filix-femina 'Frizelliae'*, Tatting Fern.**

(psh/sh)(Zones 5-9)(12x15 inches)

The explosive little Tatting Fern impresses everyone who sees it. To me, it looks like a miniature fountain of green water suspended in time. Perfect for containers or shade gardens and the perfect foil for miniature Hostas. This was found in Ireland some 150 years ago and has persisted until present day. Likes a moist soil with adequate drainage. Easy to grow.

1GAL \$12.45 #0160

***Athyrium filix-femina 'Victoria'*, Victoria Lady Fern.**

(psh/sh)(Zones 5-9)(24x24 inches)

An excellent selection for texture in the shade garden. The fronds start wider at the bottom and gradually taper to the top where there is a proliferation of tiny, leafy appendages that excite the gardener. A very cool plant.

1GAL \$9.45 #2891

***Athyrium nipponicum pictum*, Japanese Painted Fern.**

(psh/sh)(Zones 4-8)(25x24 inches)

Our Japanese painted ferns are spore-grown plants that exhibit a wide array of variation. Some are green, some are silver, and some have tip fasciation. There is probably more than one variety represented here, but it's quite hard to tell now. This is a very easily grown fern, good for beginners and landscaping.

1.5GAL \$12.45 #0164

Athyrium thelypteroides

2GAL \$17.45 #0168

***Cyrtomium fortunei*, Hardy Holly Fern.**

(psh/sh)(Zones 5-9)(24x24 inches)

Every time I tell a customer there is a hardy Holly Fern and that we have it, they absolutely do not believe me. Now, the plant is not well known, but as I write this in Early January, our plants look healthy and green with no sign of winter damage. Arching fronds of dull green holly-like leaves provide an appeal quite different from any other hardy fern.

1GAL \$9.45 #2639

***Dryopteris celsa*, Log Fern.**

(psh/sh)(Zones 5-9)(36 inches tall)

This native fern is supposedly an inter-generic hybrid between two other natives. This is a very robust fern that is similar in appearance to the Ostrich fern, but is not nearly as aggressive. Likes a shady spot that does not dry out too severely in summer.

2GAL \$12.45 #0448

***Dryopteris dilatata 'Recurved Form'*, Recurved Wood Fern.**

(psh/sh)(Zones 4-8)(2-3 feet tall)

The durable Wood Fern is a perfect choice for dry, shady gardens. Low rungs of foliage that seem to float above the woodland floor. This form has strongly recurved pinnae which give each frond a small appearance. Easy to grow, occurring around the northern hemisphere.

1GAL \$14.95 #0450

***Dryopteris erythrosora 'Brilliance'*, Brilliance Autumn Fern.**

(psh/sh)(Zones 5-9)(24x24 inches)

One of the most colorful hardy ferns for gardens. The shiny fronds emerge in tones of orange and russet that slowly fade to apple-green. This seems to be a better grower than other forms of the species and quickly makes nice clumps with a little extra water. Very drought tolerant when established.

1GAL \$9.45 #2890

***Dryopteris filix-mas 'Linearis Polydactyla'*, Male Fern.**

(psh/sh)(Zones 3-9)(24-30 inches tall)

This is a very finely divided form of the Male Fern that can be propagated from spores. The fronds are highly divided and the end of each pinnae is forked many times for an even more divided look. Beautiful and easy.

1GAL \$12.45 #0455

***Dryopteris lepidota*, Sunset Fern.**

(psh/sh)(Zones 5-8)(15x20 inches)

This forms low mounds of dark green fronds that hold well through winter.

2GAL \$16.95 #0460

***Dryopteris remota*, Remote Wood Fern.**

(psh/sh)(Zones 5-9)(18x24 inches)

This is a natural hybrid between *D. dilatata* and *D. filix-mas* that originated in the wild in eastern Europe. This fern prefers moist, well-drained soils and a good bit of shade. Easy to grow.

1GAL \$12.45 #0462

***Matteucia struthiopteris*, Ostrich Fern.**

(sun/sh)(Zones 2-8)(40x40 inches)

One of the most easily grown ferns, requiring only a damp position to thrive. If given such, the plant may be able to withstand even full sun positions. In spring this grows rapidly, quickly forming the fresh green fronds that appear exceptionally lush and inviting. This can cover large areas of ground if it likes its spot, so don't plant anything slow and needy near its voracious roots. Large colonies can be quite beautiful if not allowed to dry out too much during the growing season.

3GAL \$19.95 #0467

***Osmunda cinnamomea*, Cinnamon Fern.**

(sun/sh)(Zones 2-10)(2-5 feet tall)

Another Ohio native, the Cinnamon Fern thrives in wet, shady areas where it can get quite tall. The newly emerging fronds are covered in a mealy, tawny covering that gives the impression of cinnamon and the bases of old leaves persist and form a sort of 'trunk' in older plants that is quite attractive. This will grow in full sun if you have a permanently wet, strongly acidic bog with a live sphagnum covering. Otherwise, put it in the shade and do not let it dry out.

1GAL \$12.45 #1004

***Osmunda regalis*, Royal Fern.**

(sun/sh)(Zones 2-10)(2-6 feet tall)

In my opinion, one of the best ferns for wet areas, whether in sun or shade. This forms large clumps of tall fronds that are composed of numerous tiny leaflets that give an appearance quite different from other ferns. The fronds are noteworthy for their superb autumnal coloration in tones of russet and red. Appreciates moisture and thrives in almost any wet spot.

3GAL \$19.95 #1007

***Polystichum acrostichoides*, Christmas Fern.**

(psh/sh)(Zones 4-9)(18x30 inches)

The most ubiquitous fern in Ohio, occupying nearly every ecological niche that provides some shade. Tossed clumps of leathery, evergreen fronds that hold their form through every season. The fronds are relatively narrow and lobed and present a fishbone pattern that is very pleasing. Will tolerate a surprising amount of sun, although it is most content in shady areas. Tolerant of dryness when established and the best choice for replanting degraded woodlands. No matter how common, it still ranks as one of my favorite ferns.

1GAL \$9.45 #1104

***Polystichum polyblepharum*, Tassel Fern.**

(psh/sh)(Zones 5-8)(15x20 inches)

One of the most attractive of hardy ferns for its leathery, lacquered fronds and cinnamon-like, exfoliating appendages that coat every part of the plant. Excellent near the edges of ponds where the water is reflected in the ultra glossy surface and the plant's requirement for even moisture can be met. I have never had good luck with this myself, but I have seen many fine specimens in Ohio gardens and I don't give up very easily. Worth every effort.

1GAL \$9.45 #2889

***Pteridium aquilinum*, Bracken Fern or Brake.**

(sun/sh)(Zones 4-10)(2-5 feet tall)

A fern that not many people have grown, perhaps due to its intentionally invasive characteristics. Don't let this deter you, though, for the attributes of the Bracken Fern are many, and if used in the proper areas, can form a stunning foliar mélange to the landscape. This will grow in any soil, but grows rather slowly, though tenaciously in dry soils, where it can help prevent erosion, especially on hillsides. This forms tall airy fronds that are shiny, and leathery to the touch. The foliage is very finely textured and lends a much needed soft touch to the landscape. The leaves have a very high Silicic acid and Potassium content and the ash of burnt fronds is used in making glass and soap. "The plant is very toxic, but a beer is made from it in Siberia." That's a direct quote from Jelitto and Schacht.

1GAL \$9.45 #2126