

## **Evergreen Ferns**

Asplenium trichomanes – Maidenhair Spleenwort  
Blechnum spicant – Deer Fern (acid soil only)  
Dryopteris marginalis – Marginal Wood Fern  
Dryopteris erythrosora – Autumn Fern  
Cyrtomium fortunei – Fortune’s Holly Fern  
Polystichum acrostichoides – Christmas Fern  
Phyllitis (Asplenium) scolopendrium - Hart’s Tongue Fern (alkaline soils)  
Polystichum acrostichoides – Christmas Fern  
Polystichum braunii – Braun’s Holly Fern  
Polystichum setiferum – Soft Shield Fern

## **Sun Tolerant Ferns<sup>1</sup>**

Asplenium trichomanes – Maidenhair Spleenwort  
Athyrium filix-femina – Lady Fern  
Athyrium x ‘Ghost’ – Ghost Lady Fern  
Dryopteris affinis – Male Fern  
Matteuccia struthiopteris – Ostrich (aka Fiddlehead) Fern  
Onoclea sensibilis - Sensitive Fern  
Osmunda regalis – Royal Fern  
Polypodium spp. – Rock Polypodies  
Woodsia spp. – Cliff Ferns

## **Ferns for Deep Shade**

Adiantum pedantum- Maidenhair Fern  
Phyllitis (Asplenium) scolopendrium - Hart's Tongue Fern (alkaline soil)  
Athyrium filix-femina - Lady Fern  
Blechnum spicant - Deer Fern (acid soil only)  
Cyrtomium fortunei – Fortune’s Holly Fern  
Dryopteris dilatata - Broad Wood Fern  
Dryopteris filix-mas - Male Fern  
Gymnocarpium dryopteris - Oak Fern  
Polystichum acrostichoides - Christmas Fern  
Polystichum braunii - Braun's Holly Fern  
Polystichum setiferum - Soft Shield Fern

## **Ferns for Wet Soils**

Athyrium filix-femina – Lady Fern  
Dryopteris carthusiana - Spinulose Wood Fern  
Dryopteris clintoniana – Interrupted Fern  
Dryopteris goldiana - Goldie's Wood Fern  
Matteuccia struthiopteris - Ostrich Fern  
Onoclea sensibilis - Sensitive Fern  
Osmunda cinnamomea - Cinnamon Fern  
Osmunda regalis - Royal Fern  
Woodwardia areolata – Netted Chain Fern

## **Drought Tolerant Ferns<sup>2</sup>**

Athyrium filix-femina - Lady Fern  
Athyrium niponicum 'Pictum' cvs. – Japanese Painted Fern and cultivars  
Dryopteris filix-mas - Male Fern  
Dryopteris intermedia – Fancy Wood Fern  
Polystichum acrostichoides - Christmas Fern  
Woodsia spp. – Cliff Ferns

## **Ferns for Colour**

Athyrium 'Ghost' – Ghost Lady Fern  
Athyrium filix-femina forma rubellum (Lady in Red)  
Athyrium niponicum 'Pictum' cvs. – Japanese Painted Fern cultivars  
Dryopteris erythrosora – Autumn Fern  
Onoclea sensibilis – Sensitive Fern  
Osmunda regalis 'Purpurascens' – Purple Stemmed Royal Fern  
Woodwardia areolata– Netted Chain Fern

## **Groundcover Ferns**

Dennstaedtia punctilobula – Hay-scented Fern (very assertive – needs space)  
Gymnocarpium dryopteris 'Plumosum' – Plumed Oak Fern  
Matteuccia struthiopteris - Ostrich (aka Fiddlehead) Fern  
Onoclea sensibilis - Sensitive Fern  
Thelypteris decursive-pinnata – Japanese Beech Fern

## **Ferns for Containers**

Adiantum pedatum- Maidenhair Fern  
Phyllitis (Asplenium) scolopendrium - Hart's Tongue Fern  
Asplenium trichomanes - Maidenhair Spleenwort  
Athyrium niponicum 'Pictum' cvs. – Japanese Painted Fern cultivars  
Cyrtomium Fortunei – Fortune's Holly Fern  
Dryopteris affinis - Male Fern  
Dryopteris dilatata cvs. – Broad Wood Fern  
Dryopteris erythrosora - Autumn Fern  
Osmunda regalis - Royal Fern  
Polystichum setiferum cvs. - Soft Shield Fern

## **Ferns for Rock Gardens**

Asplenium trichomanes – Maidenhair Spleenwort  
Cheilanthes lanosa – Hairy Lip Fern  
Cryptogramma acrostichoides – Parsley Fern  
Polypodium spp. – Rock Polypodies  
Woodsia spp. – Cliff Ferns

## **Xeric Ferns**

Cheilanthes lanosa – Hairy Lip Fern

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<sup>1</sup> If soil is kept moist and mid-day sun is avoided.

<sup>2</sup> Once well established for 1-2 seasons.