






Availability List – Autumn 2018

About the Collection






Each year, purposefully or serendipitously, we manage to collect the spores and assorted other propagatory fern parts that will make up the content of future catalogues. This Autumn 2018 Availability List represents the collecting and growing efforts of several seasons past. **It includes all ferns currently available in a 4" container size.** Larger pot sizes of many varieties are available by visiting the nursery. Quantities and pot sizes vary over the season, and new things can show up at any time. Visit our online Fern Shop for the most up-to-date availability details: <http://www.fernwoodplantnursery.ca>. **"NATIVE"** means found in at least one of the Maritime provinces of Eastern Canada.

<p>1. <i>Adiantum aleuticum 'Imbricate Form'</i> – Dwarf Western Maidenhair Fern. NEW! Zone: 3 Size: 6-12" tall and slowly patch-forming. Exposure: Shade, part sun. Soil: Moist, well-drained, fertile, humus-rich, alkaline to neutral pH. Description: Deciduous. Intermediate in size and form between the typical plant and the very dwarf and quite gruffly form 'Subpumilum'. This Imbricate form has dainty, slightly ruffled bright green fronds held up on shiny black stems creating a light, airy texture in the woodland garden and a softness to container plantings. Easy to grow as a groundcover, it spreads by shallow rhizomes to form colonies. Use: Mass planting, woodland gardens, borders, shaded rock gardens, containers.</p>	
<p>2. <i>Adiantum venustum</i> - Himalayan Maidenhair Fern Zone: 5 Size: 8-12" x 12-23" Exposure: Part sun, part shade, shade. Soil: Moist, fertile, slightly acidic to slightly alkaline pH. Description: Deciduous. Native to the foothills of the Himalayas. Wiry black stems hold very small, tear-drop shaped, soft green leaves. Forms a low, delicate looking, slow-spreading patch. Avoid hot summers and dry shade. Use: Specimen, edging, massing, groundcover, container, cut flowers.</p>	
<p>3. <i>Asplenium scolopendrium 'Kaye's Lacerated'</i> - Kaye's Lacerated Hart's Tongue Fern NEW! Zone: 4 Size: 8-10" x 10-12" Exposure: Shade, part shade. Soil: Moist, well-drained, fertile, alkaline to neutral pH. Description: Evergreen. This frilly dwarf form of hart's tongue looks like it might belong in a salad bowl rather than the woodland. Shiny, triangular fronds on circular tufts with plants spreading by rhizomes to form loose colonies. Create the slightly limey conditions this fern requires by incorporating lime, eggshells, crushed oyster shells, or even concrete rubble into the growing medium before planting. Will not tolerate drought. Use: Specimen, Rock gardens, containers, edging concrete foundations and paths.</p>	
<p>4. <i>Athyrium angustum forma rubellum</i> - Red-Stemmed Northern Lady Fern Native Zone: 3 Size: 18-30" x 24" Exposure: Shade, part shade. Soil: Moist, well-drained, acidic pH. Description: Deciduous. Often labeled 'Lady in Red', this northeastern North American native produces lacy green fronds on contrasting stems of deep maroon to sharp red. Colour takes one or two winters to really show. Like most Lady Ferns, the frond stems are delicate, so site where protected from strong winds or trampling pets. Use: Specimen, mass planting, foundation plantings.</p>	
<p>5. <i>Athyrium filix-femina 'Victoriae'</i> - Victoria Lady Fern Zone: 4 Size: 18-24" x 20-24" Exposure: Shade, part shade. Soil: Moist, well-drained, acidic to neutral pH. Description: Deciduous. Referred to as the "queen of green", this very old variety can't be beat for interesting form. Fronds leaflets crisscross to form X's and have crested tips. Plant close to edges or other locations where its unique structure can be appreciated. Like other Lady Ferns, the frond stems are delicate, so site where protected from strong winds or trampling pets. Use: Edging, specimen, containers.</p>	

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<p>6. <i>Athyrium x 'Brandford Rambler'</i> – Running Lady Fern NEW!</p> <p>Zone: 4 Size: 12-24" x 12-24" Exposure: Part shade, shade. Soil: Average, moist, well-drained, acidic to neutral pH. Description: Deciduous. Garden origin. A cross between Northern lady fern and Japanese painted fern featuring upright, rich green fronds on maroon to red stems. It very politely makes a groundcover of super texture and subtle colour blending when massed. Use: Specimen, borders, mass planting, containers, cut flower.</p>	
<p>7. <i>Dryopteris affinis 'Stableri Crisped'</i> - Crisped Golden-Scaled Male Fern NEW!</p> <p>Zone: 4 Size: 24-36" x 24-36" Exposure: Part sun, shade. Soil: Moist, average, well-drained, fertile, acidic to neutral pH. Description: Semi-evergreen. Native from Europe to North Africa. This hard-to-find but must-have form sports large, golden-coloured crowns that support graceful, vase-shaped clumps of narrow, crinkled, dark green fronds. Wow! Use: Specimen, borders, containers, cut flower.</p>	
<p>8. <i>Dryopteris dilatata 'Jimmy Dyce'</i> - Dyce's Broad Buckler Fern</p> <p>Zone: 4 Size: 12-22" x 12-18" Exposure: Shade, part sun. Soil: Average, moist, fertile, acidic to neutral pH. Description: Semi-evergreen to deciduous. European, garden origin. Attractive, very dark blue-green, finely textured fronds held in a stiffly erect vase shape. Very well behaved, it looks great alone or with its own under-planting of your favourite, low growing groundcover. Use: Specimen, mixed beds, woodlands, formal borders, mass plantings, foundation plantings containers.</p>	
<p>9. <i>Dryopteris erythrosora 'Brilliance'</i> - Brilliance Autumn Fern</p> <p>Zone: 5 Size: 18-30" x 18-30" Exposure: Part sun, part shade, sun (with consistent moisture). Soil: Average, moist, humus-rich, acidic to neutral pH. Description: Evergreen. Eastern Asian origin. New coppery-pink coloured fronds emerge throughout the season against deeper bronze-green mature fronds on vase-shaped clumps giving a tapestry effect. Spreads slowly by rhizomes. Intolerant of drought, compacted or poor soils. Use: Massing, specimen, containers, borders, houseplant.</p>	
<p><i>Dryopteris filix-mas 'Barnesii'</i> - Barnes' Narrow Male Fern NEW!</p> <p>Zone: 4 Size: 30-36" x 12-18" Exposure: Shade, part shade, part sun. Soil: Moist, well-drained, fertile, humus rich, slightly acidic, neutral to slightly alkaline pH. Description: Deciduous. European origin. Slightly ruffled foliage on tall, narrow, and decidedly upright plants. Like the species, has a low maintenance clumping habit. An excellent specimen in the woodland garden, where it's great under-planted with shorter woodlanders. Use: Specimen, containers, beds and borders.</p>	
<p>10. <i>Dryopteris intermedia</i> - Intermediate Wood Fern Native</p> <p>Zone: 3 Size: 16-24" x 18-26" Exposure: Part sun, part shade, sun. Soil: Moist, average, dry, humus-rich, acidic to neutral pH. Description: Evergreen. Also known as Fancy Wood Fern, this common fern of the North American northeast is one of our laciest-looking woodlanders. Often found growing naturally on very rocky soils and simply beautiful emerging from a bed of moss. It is also the most drought-tolerant of our native wood ferns. Use: Woodland gardens, specimen, massing.</p>	

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<p>11. <i>Dryopteris pseudofilix-mas</i> - Mexican Male Fern</p> <p>Zone: 5 Size: 30-48" x 30-48" Exposure: Part shade, shade. Soil: Moist, fertile, well-drained, acidic to slightly alkaline pH. Description: Semi-evergreen. Native to mountainous areas from Mexico into Central America. Forms a stout erect crown that produces a vase-shaped plant. Unlike other most <i>Dryopteris</i>, Mexican Male Fern produces fresh new growth throughout the growing season. Drought tolerant once established. Use: Specimen, borders, mass planting, containers.</p>	
<p>12. <i>Dryopteris tokyoensis</i> - Tokyo Wood Fern</p> <p>Zone: 5 Size: 24-36" x 12-24" Exposure: Shade, part shade. Soil: Moist, wet, fertile, acidic pH. Description: Deciduous. Native to east Asia. Stiffly erect, narrow bright green fronds. One of the most vertical forms in our collection, it looks amazing under-planted with lower growing shade lovers. Protect from strong wind. Use: Specimen, woodlands, edging, mixed borders, containers.</p>	
<p>13. <i>Matteuccia struthiopteris</i> 'The King' – Jumbo Ostrich Fern</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Native</p> <p>Zone: 2 Size: 36-48" x 36-48" Exposure: Shade, part sun, part shade. Soil: Wet, moist, fertile, acidic pH. Description: Deciduous. A jumbo-size selection of our native, and edible, "fiddlehead fern." Upright-arching clumps of graceful ostrich-like plumes. In summer distinct green, turning to dark brown, fertile fronds rise from the centre of each clump, remaining to provide winter interest. Not tolerant of drought and may go dormant. Not to worry, if well established, it will reappear when adequate moisture returns. Tolerates full sun if given sufficient moisture, but fronds will be held more upright. Spreads by rhizome to form bushy colonies. Use: Woodlands, massing, pond and rain gardens, food forests.</p>	
<p>14. <i>Polystichum aculeatum</i> – Hard Shield Fern</p> <p>Zone: 4 Size: 36" x 36" Exposure: Shade, part shade. Soil: Moist, well-drained, fertile, humus-rich, slightly acidic, neutral, with a preference to alkaline pH. Description: Evergreen. Native to Europe. Very glossy, stiff leathery fronds on vase-shaped plants that spread to form colonies. Finely dissected, feathery foliage looks stunning when covered in frost. Use: Woodlands, specimen, massing.</p>	
<p>15. <i>Polystichum polyblepharum</i> – Tassel Fern</p> <p>Zone: 5 Size: 12-23" x 18-23" Exposure: Shade, part shade. Soil: Fertile, humus-rich, well-drained, acidic to neutral pH. Description: Semi-evergreen to evergreen. Native to Japan, Korea. Erect, arching, lance-shaped dark green, glossy fronds form a neat, vase-shaped clump. New fronds covered with golden hairs as they unfurl. Finely divided foliage looks great in a frosted winter garden. Use: Specimen, massing, edging, woodlands, oriental gardens.</p>	
<p>16. <i>Polystichum x Dycei</i> - Dyce's Hybrid Holly Fern</p> <p style="text-align: right;">NEW!</p> <p>Zone: 5 Size: 24" x 36" Exposure: Part shade, shade. Soil: Moist, well-drained, fertile, humus-rich, acidic to neutral pH. Description: Semi-evergreen. Cross between Australian <i>Polystichum proliferum</i> and Asian & American <i>Polystichum braunii</i>. A bold-but-elegant addition to any setting, this vigorous fern produces long-arching, glossy dark green foliage on strongly clumping plants. Look for tiny new plants (bulbils) that sometimes form along the fern's stems. Tolerant of droughty periods once well established. Use: Specimen, theme gardens, borders, woodlands, cut flower.</p>	