

KEY: (D) = Deciduous
 (E) = Evergreen or Usually Evergreen
 (N) = Native & N.E. America



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The BCLS Landscape Services Guide to Hearty Ferns

LIST OF HARDY GARDEN FERNS

<u>Name {Common/Botanical}</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Color/Foliage</u>	<u>Culture/Hardiness</u>
American Maidenhair Fern (N) (<i>Adiantum pedatum</i>)	12-18"	Medium green, circular fronds	Shade; avg./moist soil zones 4-8 (D)
Dark Maidenhair Spennwort (N) (<i>Asplenium adiantum-nigrum</i>)	8-18"	Very dark fronds	Shade; avg.-humus soil; rocks; zones 4-8 (D)
Scott's or Dragon Tail Spennwort (N) (<i>Asplenium ebenoides</i>)	10-20"	Med. green fronds	Shade; avg. -humus/rocks zones 4-8 (E)
Ebony Spennwort (N) (<i>Asplenium platyneuran</i>)	10-20"	Dark green fronds	Shade; humus/rocks zones 4-8 (E)
Hart's Tongue Fern (N) (<i>Asplenium scolopendrium</i>)	12"	Med. green, straplike	Shade; avg. -humus soil zones 3-8 (E)
Lady Fern (N) (<i>Athyrium filix-femina</i>)	2-3'	Lt. green, fine lacy fronds	Sun (w/moist) or shade (avg. - moist soils)
Japanese Painted Fern (<i>Athyrium niponicum 'Pictum'</i>)	12-18"	Silver, red and/or green fronds	Shade; avg.-humus soils zones 4-8 (D)
English Painted Fern (<i>Athyrium otophorum</i>)	12-18"	Silver-green fronds w/purple	Shade; avg. - humus soils zones 4-7 (D)
Deer Fern (<i>Blechnum sp. 'Incisa'</i>)	8-10"	Arching dk. green, serrated blades	Shade; avg. - humus soils zones 5-8 (E)
Japanese Holly Fern (<i>Cyrtomium falc. 'Rochfordianum'</i>)	8-15"	Medium green holly-like fronds	Shade; avg. - humus soils zones 6-8 (D)
Berry Bladder Fern (N) (<i>Cystopteris bulbifera</i>)	12-30"	Pendant green fronds; spreader	Shade; humus/moist soils rocks; zones 4-8 (D)

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Hay-scented Fern (N) (<i>Dennstaedtia punctilobula</i>)	18-30"	Yellow-green fronds	Sun/Shade avg / moist soils; zones 3-8 (D)
Crisp Male Fern (N) (<i>Dryopteris</i> aff. ' <i>Crispa</i> ')	6"	Dwarf, crinkled fronds; rock gardens	Shade. Avg.-humus soils zones 4-8 (D)
Shaggy Shield Fern (N) (<i>Dryopteris atrata</i>)	18-24"	Wide green fronds	Shade; humus soils zones 4-8 (D)
Spinulose Woodfern (N) (<i>Dryopteris austriaca spinulosa</i>)	18-30"	Deep green fronds	Shade; humus/moist soils zones 4-8 (D)
Crested Shield or Wood Fern (N) (<i>Dryopteris cristata</i>)	24-30"	Deep green, ladder-like fronds	Sun (moist) or shade (humus/moist soil) zones 3-8 (D)
Recurved Broad Buckler Fern (<i>Dryopteris dilatata 'Recurvata'</i>)		Graceful, wide recurved fronds	Shade; avg.-humus soils zones 4-8 (D)
Japanese Sword Fern (<i>Dryopteris erythrosora</i>)	15-18"	Reddish-copper new leaves; dark green fronds later	Shade; avg.-moist soil zones 5-8 (D)
Shield Fern (N) (<i>Dryopteris filix-mas 'Cristata'</i>)	2-4'	Medium green crested fronds	Shade; humus soils zones 5-8 (D)
Goldie's Woodfern (N) (<i>Dryopteris goldiana</i>)	2-4'	Tall, med. Green fronds	Shade; humus or moist soil zones 4-8 (D)
Leather Wood Fern (N) (<i>Dryopteris marginalis</i>)	15-24"	Dk. Green fronds	Shade; humus soil zones 3-8 (D)
Ostrich Fern (N) (<i>Matteuccia pennsylvanica</i>)	3-5'	Tall, med. Green fronds; upright	Lt-full shade; moist/bog zones 3-8 (D)
Sensitive Fern (N) (<i>Onoclea sensibilis</i>)	15-24"	Coarse, lt. green spreader	Sun-shade; moist/bog zones 4-8 (D)
Cinnamon Fern (N) (<i>Osmunda cinnamomea</i>)	2-4'	Lg. Med. Green fronds; showy	Shade; humus or moist/bog zones 3-8 (D)
Interrupted Fern (N) (<i>Osmunda claytoniana</i>)	2-4'	Lg.med. green fronds	Shade; humus soils zones 3-8 (D)

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Royal Fern (N) <i>(Osmunda regalis)</i>	2-4'	Bronze, med. green/tall fronds	Sun/part shade; moist/bog, zones 3-8 (D)
Northern Beech Fern (N) <i>(Phegopteris connectilis)</i>	8-20"	Thin, pale green fronds	Shade; humus soils zones 4-8 (D)
Polypody <i>(Polypodium interjectum)</i>	12-24"	Broad, leathery fronds	Lt. shade; humus soils zones 4-8
Common Polypody (N) <i>(Polypodium vulgare)</i>	4-16"	Erect, leathery fronds	Lt. shade; humus soils zones 4-8
Christmas Fern (N) <i>(Polystichum acrostichoides)</i>	15-30"	Dark green fronds clumps	Shade; avg. - moist zones 3-8 (E)
Braun's Holly Fern (N) <i>(Polystichum braunii)</i>	18-24"	Silver new leaves green fronds	Shade; avg. - humus soils zones 4-8 (D)
Tassel Fern <i>(Polystichum polyblepharum)</i>	1-2'	Glossy dk. Green fronds	Shade; avg. - humus soils zones 5-8 (E)
Korean Rock Fern <i>(Polystichum tsus-simense)</i>	10-15"	Dk. Green fronds; compact	Shade; avg. moist zones 5-8 (E)
Bracken Fern (N) <i>(Pteridium aquilinum)</i>	2-4'	Wide, dk. Green fronds;hardy fast	Shade; humus/moist soils zones 3-8 (D)
Japanese Beech Fern <i>(Polystichum decursive-pinnata)</i>	1-2'	Green & lt. green fronds; clumps	Shade; avg. - humus soils zones 4-8 (D)
New York Fern (N) <i>(Polystichum noveboracensis)</i>	18-24"	Yellow-green lacy fronds	Sun-lt. shade; dry-moist zones 4-8 (D)