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Guide to Common Perennial Ferns

Autumn Fern	<i>Dryopteris erythrosora</i> Evergreen Evenly moist, loamy soil	Part shade-Full shade 12-24" Z 5-8
Christmas Fern	<i>Polystichum acrostichoides</i> Evergreen Moist, loamy soil; will tolerate rocky semi-dry soil	Part shade-Full shade 12-24" Z 3-9
Cinnamon Fern	<i>Osmunda cinnamomea</i> Slow spreader Moist, loamy soil to wet, swampy soil	Part shade-Full shade 24-48" Z 2-9
Deer Fern	<i>Blechnum spiecant</i> Moist, loamy soil Acidic	Part shade-Full shade 12-24" Z 4-8
Hart's Tongue Fern	<i>Asplenium scolopendrium</i> Evergreen Moist, well-drained: will tolerate rocky soils, requires good drainage and alkaline soils	Part shade-Full shade 1-2" Z 5a-9
Hay-scented Fern	<i>Dennstaedtia punctiloba</i> Moist, humusy, acidic soil Tolerates occasional dryness once established and sun with consistent moisture	Part shade-Full shade 18-24" Z 3-8
Japanese Beech Fern	<i>Thelypteris decursive-pinnata</i> Moist, loamy soil, slow spreading	Bright shade 12-24" Z 4-10
Japanese Painted Fern	<i>Athyrium niponicum</i> Consistently moist, loose loamy soil	Part shade-Full shade 8-18" Z 4-9
Lady Fern	<i>Athyrium filix-femina</i> Moist, loamy soil	Light sun-Part shade 12-24" Z 4-8

Male Fern	<i>Dryopteris filix-mas</i> Tolerate sun with moisture cool, moist, rocky soil	Light sun-Part shade 24-36" Z 4-8
New York Fern	<i>Thelypteris noveboracensis</i> Moist, rich soil; rocky acidic soil tolerated Drought tolerated once established Vigorous grower and spreader	Light sun-Part shade 12-24" Z 4-8
Northern Maidenhair Fern	<i>Adiantum pedatum</i> Moist, rich well-drained soil	Partial shade-Full shade 12-24" Z 2-8
Ostrich Fern	<i>Matteuccia struthiopteris</i> Heavy rich soil to light, drought tolerant Vigorous growers and spreader Produces edible fiddleheads	Partial shade 30-60" Z 2-6
Ruffled Oak Fern	<i>Gymnocarpium Dryopteris plumosum</i> Well drained Moist rich woodland soil, great for edging	Part shade-Full shade 6-12" Z 2-9
Royal Fern	<i>Osmunda regalis</i> Medium wet soil, taller in wet soil, adapts to lesser conditions when established, sun in wet conditions	Part shade-Full shade 2-3" Z 3-9
Soft Shield Fern	<i>Polystichum setferum</i> Evenly moist, loamy soil, Slightly Acidic Ph	Partial shade-Full shade 18-36" Z 5-8
Tassel Fern	<i>Polystichum polyblepharum</i> Evergreen in warmer climates, tolerates dryness, Rich loamy soil with moisture	Part shade-Full shade 12-24" Z 5-8
Marginal Wood Fern	<i>Dryopteris marginalis</i> Adaptable, moist, loamy to rocky soil	Part shade-Full shade 18-30" Z 2-8

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