

Godzilla Japanese Painted Fern



Planted alongside giant hostas, it creates a colossal display that lightens and brightens shadowy areas. Perfect for adding beauty and color to woodland gardens, it is deer resistant and carefree.

Athyrium 'Godzilla'

- **Use:** Like *Athyrium* n. 'Pictum' on steroids, this giant painted fern was discovered at Plant Delights Nursery in the mid-90s and is thought to be a sporeling of 'Pictum' and the Lady Fern. It forms a massive, arching clump of silvery fronds with green highlights and dark purple stems. Excellent fern for woodland gardens and slightly damp areas such as edging a pond.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Prefers part sun to heavy shade. Keep surface of soil moist, but not soggy. Provide humus-rich, moist, but well-drained soil for best performance.
- **Growth:** Moderate-growing 3' tall, 4-6' wide. Spreads by underground stems.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 3-8; Perennial
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. An amazing array of silver, purple and green fronds make this a winner.
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- **Flower:** Not known for flowers. Spores on underside of leaves.