

Victorian Lady Fern



Athyrium filix femina 'Victoriae'

- **Use:** Considered the "Queen of Ferns," this exquisite selection of the deciduous, deer-resistant lady fern was the pride and joy of the Victorian fern craze. The narrow pinnae of *Athyrium 'Victoriae'* are like little green boomerangs. As they are attached to each side of the stem, the effect is a three-dimensional stunner in the woodland garden.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Prefers part sun to shade. Keep surface of soil moist, but not soggy. Provide humus-rich, moist, but well-drained soil for best performance.
- **Growth:** Moderate-growing 18 to 24 in. tall and 20-24" wide
- **Hardiness:** Zone 4-9; Perennial
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. discovered in Scotland in 1861 in the midst of a feverish fern collecting era later dubbed the "Victorian Fen Craze". At the time enthusiasts in the UK actively sought out unusual fern forms and this is indeed unusual! The pinnae criss-cross one another forming a series of letter x's on the frond. In addition the tip is crested forming drooping tassels of split tips. Not surprisingly this cultivar attracts a tremendous amount of attention in the garden or container.

Perfect for woodland gardens and next to ponds. • **Flower:** Not known for flowers.