

# Regal Red Japanese Painted Fern



**Give this colorful delight a site where one wants to give life and sparkle to woodland flora.**

## *Athyrium niponicum* 'Regal Red'

- **Use:** Striking violet-red fronds are contrasted by bright silver edges, giving this magnificent fern an overall tapestry effect. The fronds are an outstanding addition to cut flower arrangements, providing lasting color and soft texture. Great for use in containers and as a house-plant.
- **Exposure/Soil:** It is best displayed in filtered shade – direct sun will burn the foliage. 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; reaches 18 to 24 in. tall and wide.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 4-9; Perennial
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. This is a deep burgundy form framed with silver which gets even more beautiful as it ages. In addition although deciduous, this cultivar holds its 8 to 20 inch fronds well into the fall – much more so than many of its brethren.
- **Flower:** Not known for flowers. Will have spores on underside of leaves for reproduction.