

Branford Beauty Fern



Low growth and spreading form fills gaps between shrubs and under trees. Adds color and texture to the foreground of shady beds, along woodland pathways, or in containers.

Athyrium x 'Branford Beauty'

- **Use:** A dramatic hybrid between the Japanese painted fern (*Athyrium niponicum* 'Pictum') and our native lady fern (*Athyrium filix-femina*). The result is a splendid, upright arching, clump-forming, deer-resistant fern that reaches 3' tall x 4' wide at maturity, in about 5 years.
- **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:** Forms an upright clump 24 in. tall, slowly spreading to 18 in. wide.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 4-8; Perennial
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. forms a dense mat of delicate, finely divided fronds with lovely burgundy-tinged, silver foliage on upright, rosy-colored stems. (Don't use too much nitrogen or you may not get to enjoy the red stems.)
- **Flower:** Not known for flowers. Multiplies by spores on undersides of leaves.