

# Wavy Cloak Fern



**Best used in rocky,  
dry shade gardens.  
Evergreen and deer  
resistant**

## **Cheilanthes/ Astrolepsis sinuata**

- **Use:** In the wild, this evergreen wanders around in dryish gulches and on partially sunny hillsides. This dryland fern has a wide distribution. It is most common in the southwestern U.S. states but can also be found further south and east.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Part shade–shade. This fern can grow in full sun, but needs good drainage and cool roots. In the garden it needs a specially created similar habitat with good drainage and low moisture. In areas of high winter rainfall a container facing south and protected from the whims of weather under the eaves or similar “umbrella” of a building serves the need.
- **Growth:** Grows 1-2’ tall and 12-18” wide.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 5-9 Perennial. Winter hardy but needs protection from wet conditions
- **Foliage:** Evergreen. The narrow 6 to 18 inch upright fronds are tightly trimmed in chubby, starry-haired blue pinnae. By handsome contrast the stems are pinkish.
- **Flower:** None. Reproduces by spores on undersides of leaves.