

Male Fern



Dryopteris affinis

- **Use:** Prized for their lovely, delicate-looking triangular fronds, these ferns create luxurious clumps, provided they have ample moisture and partial to full shade. These ferns may be evergreen in warmer winters and provide year-round interest. Very easy to grow and a perfect foil for hostas in the woodland garden. Also useful in tubs or mixed containers, combining beautifully with other shade-loving plants, such as Hostas or Hellebores. The old fronds can be trimmed in spring if they look untidy.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Part shade–shade. With adequate moisture might be able to tolerate full sun. Acid, moist, well-drained soil, but not soggy. Use slow release fertilizer two times a year. Mulch around the plants with dead leaves in the fall, to help conserve moisture in summer.
- **Growth:** Will grow 24-48” tall and 18-24” wide.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 4-8 Perennial
- **Foliage:** Semi-evergreen. Lance-shaped blade; pinnate-pinnatifid; leathery; small dark spot at base of each pinna; pinnae are layered up the frond like stair steps; stipes and rachises are shaggy with golden brown scales
- **Flower:** none, spores on undersides of leaves

Semi-evergreen, shade-loving, and deer resistant.

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