

Golden Mist Wood Fern



So easy to grow, it is left alone by nibbling animals, resists most diseases and pests, and offers evergreen coverage. Don't miss out on its splendid spring color show and year-round appeal.



Dryopteris labordei

- **Use:** Transform the shade border with this handsome Wood Fern, which It may remind you a bit of Autumn Fern, but Golden Mist™'s season of glory is spring. At 20 to 24 inches high and wide, it's also a slightly larger and more spreading plant, with fronds that arch up and out in a neat symmetrical, many-layered habit. Beautifully ornamental, it always attracts compliments in a container planting, and makes a breathtaking large planting for the open or woodland garden. (And since rabbits, deer, and other nibbling marauders tend to leave it alone, you can actually plant it unfenced without worry!)
- **Exposure/Soil:** Part shade–shade. Fares best in soils that are loose, well-drained, and enriched with organics, but once established it is quite tolerant of less-than-ideal conditions. Give it neutral to acidic soil, open shade, and consistently moist soil the first year, and it will establish beautifully, its lovely fronds keeping their good looks right through winter Use slow release fertilizer two times a year.
- **Growth:** Will grow 8-24" tall and 18-24" wide.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 5-8 Perennial
- **Foliage:** Semi-deciduous; Sports bright spring fiddleheads of yellow and gold, unfurling to perfect triangular bipinnate fronds of shimmering sunny color! Though they mature to dark green, the contrast of new and mature fronds is spectacular on this evergreen, and the very vivid, eye-catching golden shades add exceptional brightness to the shade.
- **Flower:** none