

Sunset Autumn Fern



Semi-evergreen, shade-loving, and deer resistant. This is a good fern for use as a single prime specimen or in small groups.



Dryopteris erythrosora 'Sunset'

- **Use:** This fantastic evergreen fern is a recent addition to the Northwest landscape. In late spring, new coppery-pink fronds open quickly developing to orangey-bronze tones that then mature to a glossy, deep olive green. Once you see this lovely array of colors it's easy to see why the common name is, sunset fern. The duration of the show is extended well into summer with the appearance of occasional new fronds until late July.
- **Exposure/Soil:** This fern grows best in rich moist to well-drained soil, but will tolerate sand or clay. Provide regular watering during dry weather to keep the fronds from drying out. This fern grows well in light to deep shade.
- **Growth:** Will grow 24" tall and spreads slowly up to 15" wide.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 5-9; Perennial
- **Foliage:** Semi-evergreen; New fronds emerge a beautiful brick-red and gradually become an olive-green; the show continues for most of the summer—new fronds come up in succession instead of a single flush. Though it is evergreen the fronds will collapse in mid to late winter. To keep its appearance clean and tidy cut the old fronds to the ground in late February or early March, before the new fronds emerge.
- **Flower:** none