

Jurassic Gold Wood Fern



Dryopteris wallichiana 'Jurassic Gold'

They seem so wild and exotic, so mysterious, the way they seek out the cool dark places, their fronds, delicate and lacy, gently unfurling in shadow. Yet, plant them in a pair of urns flanking a stately entrance, and they transform, becoming formal, aristocratic, grand, even. Not many plants are quite so versatile. Maybe the fern is because, as one of the oldest plants on Earth, they have learned to adapt, in one form or another, since well before the days of dinosaurs.

- **Use:** This colorful fern adds excellent spring color to a shady garden. New fronds emerge bright golden-orange, fading to bright golden yellow and green. A superior choice for shade gardens, under large tree canopies, narrow side yards and shaded foundation plantings. Royal Horticultural Society Award of Garden Merit winner
- **Exposure/Soil:** Part shade–shade. Acid, moist, well-drained soil, but not soggy. Use slow release fertilizer two times a year.
- **Growth:** Reaches 24 in. tall, 18 in. wide.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 5-9; Perennial
- **Foliage:** Semi-evergreen. Young shoots emerge golden orange, and the fronds fade to golden yellow, eventually turning green with age. Deer resistant.
- **Flower:** none