

Western Sword Fern



Polystichum munitum

- **Use:** One of the most robust and reliable, this hardy native male fern offers superb texture with glossy, leathery, toothed, dark green foliage. Vigorous evergreen clumps are formed by many long fronds; up to four feet long in cool, shady sites. Keeps up appearances even in warm, arid climates, though plants will be more compact.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Prefers filtered shade in moist humus rich soil . Use slow release fertilizer two times a year.
- **Growth:** Forms dense foliage clumps 3 to 6 ft. tall and wide.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 5-9; Perennial
- **Foliage:** Evergreen; Stately fronds can grow up to 6' long and number 75+ to a single plant. Remove dead or damaged fronds for a clean appearance.
- **Flower:** none, spores on undersides of leaves.



**It is effective
as a
specimen and
equally beautiful
massed as a tall
groundcover.**