

Ferns – They Don't All Look Alike

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Slide list

Foliage

Adiantum aleuticum

Dryopteris erythrosora spores

Shapes -

1. *Pyrrhosia sheareri* – felt fern – evergreen – 18”
2. *Phyllitis scolopendrium* – harts tongue fern – evergreen – lime – 12”
3. *P. s.* ‘Crispum’ – evergreen 12”
4. *Polypodium scoloueri* – leathery polypody – evergreen – 15”
5. *Polypodium scoloueri* – Kalaloch habitat
6. *Polystichum polyblepharum* – tassel fern - evergreen
7. *Polystichum setiferum* ‘Plumoso-divisilobum’ Plumose shield fern – evergreen – 18”
8. *Adiantum aleuticum* – maidenhair fern – deciduous – 30”
9. *Adiantum venustum* – Himalayan maidenhair – evergreen – 15”
10. *Cyathea smithii* – tree fern – evergreen

Colors –

11. Green!!!
12. *Dryopteris erythrosora* –autumn fern – evergreen – 30”
13. *Dryopteris lepidopoda* – sunset fern – evergreen 2’
14. *Athyrium niponicum* ‘Pictum’ – Japanese painted fern – deciduous – variable – summer
15. *Phlebodium aureum* – indoor
16. *Pteridium aquilinum* – bracken.....weed!

Uses -

17. Woodland – Bellevue Botanical Garden
18. Natives – *Polypodium glycyrrhiza* – licorice fern –Elandan Gardens
19. Imports - *Polystichum neolobatum* – Asian saber fern – evergreen – 2’
20. *Polystichum neolobatum* - winter

Ground covers –

21. *Blechnum penna-marina* – alpine water fern – evergreen – 8”
22. *Blechnum chilense* – evergreen – 3’
23. *Blechnum chilense*
24. *Matteuccia struthiopteris* – ostrich fern - deciduous – 5’
25. *Matteuccia struthiopteris* – fall color

Bog -

26. *Osmundastrum cinnamomeum* – cinnamon fern – deciduous –30”

Water –

27. *Azolla* and *Marsilea* – evergreens

28. *Azolla*

Rock Garden –

29. *Asplenium trichomanes* - maidenhair spleenwort – evergreen – 8”

Xerics –

30. *Cheilanthes lindheimeri* – fairy swords – evergreen –12”

Special uses -

31. Trough – woodsias – deciduous – 8”
32. Large planter
33. Fern table
34. Stumpery – Hardy Fern Foundation planting Rhododendron Species Garden

Places to see ferns –

35. Lakewold Gardens, Tacoma
36. Bloedel Reserve, Bainbridge Island (*Blechnum spicant*)
37. Signature Bed, Washington Park Arboretum (*Woodwardia unigemmata*)
38. *Woodwardia unigemmata*
39. Miller Garden, Seattle (*Woodwardia orientalis* var. *formosana*)
40. Bellevue Botanical Garden (*Cyrtomium fortunei*)
41. Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden (*Woodwardia areolata*)
42. In the wild - *Polystichum munitum*
43. *Polystichum munitum*
44. End

Please note that heights are approximate and can vary according to soil, water and exposure.

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