

MAIDENHAIR FERN

(*Adiantum pedatum*)



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Key Features:



Stadtkatze

Leaves

Fan-like leaves have delicate black stems and mossy green leaflets that combine for a soft texture in the garden.



William Cullina

Spring Color

When fiddleheads are sprouting in late spring and early summer, they sport a cherry red stem before turning a satiny black.



Peter Gorman

Native Alternative

When planted in groups, this delicate fern is a beautiful alternative to invasive ground covers like sweet woodruff and periwinkle.

dortooth77



Is maidenhair fern right for your garden?



1-2.5 ft tall, 1-1.5 ft wide

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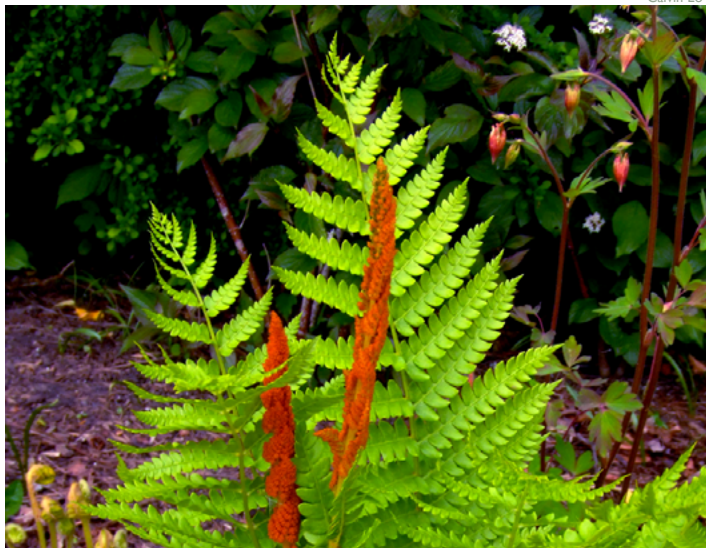
CINNAMON FERN

(*Osmunda cinnamomea*)



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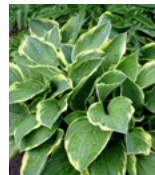
Key Features:



Roland Tremblay

Fiddleheads

Fuzz is a favorite nesting material for birds. Fiddleheads are edible.



Daryl Mitchell

Hosta Alternative

Try cinnamon fern as an alternative to the commonplace hosta.



Dalvenjah Foxfire

Visitors to Explore

Hosts the regal fern borer moth and provides cover for amphibians like the northern green frog. Birds like this hummingbird use fiddlehead fuzz for nests.

Is cinnamon fern right for your garden?



2-4 ft tall

2-4 ft wide



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BRISTLY/BOTTLEBRUSH SEDGE

(*Carex comosa*)



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Neal S. Ratzlaff



Is bristly sedge right for your garden?



2-3 ft tall
1-2 ft wide

May-June



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Key Features:



Roland E. Barth

Attractive Foliage

Soft foliage adds texture to the landscape.



Corey Raimond

Unique Bloom

Sedges often showcase unique blooms that spice up the garden.



Bill Bouton

Visitors to Explore

Hosts the caterpillars of this eyed brown, as well as other insects like the long dash skipper and the mulberry wing.

PRAIRIE DROPSEED

(*Sporobolus heterolepis*)



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Sally and Andy Wisowski
Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center



Is prairie dropseed right for your garden?



1-3 ft tall

1-3 ft wide

Aug.-Sept.



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Key Features:



American Horticultural Society

Fall Color

Foliage turns golden in the fall, fading to bronze in winter. Snow does not readily weigh it down.



Mark Swanson

Border Plant

Excellent for borders and constrained spaces.



Summerazure

Visitors to Explore

Hosts insects like this leonard's skipper, the admirable grasshopper, the red-tailed leafhopper, and others.

VIRGIN'S BOWER

(*Clematis virginiana*)



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Anita Gould



Is virgin's bower right for your garden?



15-20 ft tall
3-6 ft wide

May

Key Features:



Phillip Merritt

Attractive Foliage

Lacking tendrils, it vines by wrapping stems around support structures.



Ellen Falbowski

Unique Seeds

Plume-like seedheads gave it another common name "old man's beard."



Bill Bouton

Visitors to Explore

Hosts insects like the mournful thyrus (pictured), and also the spotted thyrus. Flowers attract native pollinators like halictid bees.

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VIRGINIA CREEPER

(*Parthenocissus quinquefolia*)



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Bob Gutowski



Is Virginia creeper right for your garden?



30-50 ft tall
5-10 ft wide

June-Aug



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Key Features:



Mary Keim

Foliage

Can be used as a groundcover like English ivy. Often confused with poison ivy. "Leaves of three, let it be. Leaves of five, let it thrive."



Dan Mullen

Berries

Ornamental, but toxic if ingested (as is the case for many common ornamentals, like lily of the valley). Re-seeds readily.



E_monk

Visitors to Explore

Hosts caterpillars of this pandora sphinx moth, and also those of the beautiful wood nymph. Berries feed birds, like the northern flicker.