

Lady in Red Fern



Athyrium angustum forma rubellum

- **Use:** Strong-growing and dependable, the lady ferns are great garden plants. This selection from the New England Wildflower Society features red stems, making it a great choice to combine with purple-leaved plants. Tough and easy to grow, this sultry beauty is the right choice for perennial borders and woodlands alike. A breathtaking flush of new fronds appears in the spring, with new leaves appearing throughout the season for a continuously fresh look.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Prefers part sun to shade. Keep surface of soil moist, but not soggy. Provide humus-rich, moist, but well-drained soil for best performance.
- **Growth:** Moderate-growing and makes a great 18-30" tall and 18-24" wide.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 3-8; Perennial
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Lush segments of lacy light green foliage radiate from a deep red stem on this Lady Fern by the second year. Avoid fertilizing with nitrogen to obtain the red stem color.
- **Flower:** Not known for flowers.

Lady ferns have reliable color and are easy to grow. Best growth will occur in partial shade and a rich, moist soil. Relatively tolerant of sun and dry soil as compared to many other ferns. They spread nicely but don't run. A very low maintenance plant that adds a lot of aesthetic value to the landscape.

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