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Adiantum pedatum

Maidenhair Fern



Dainty and beautiful, with fan-like, blue-green leaves spreading horizontally on wiry, dark stems. Needs to be kept constantly moist, in good, rich soil and light shade. Spreads slowly. A wonderful addition to the woodland garden. Plant in groups or drifts, under shrubs and flowering trees or with other ferns as a foundation planting.

Suggested companions: trillium (*Trillium grandiflorum*), lady fern (*Athyrium filix-femina*), Jack-in-the-pulpit (*Arisaema triphyllum*), merrybells (*Uvularia grandiflora*), spice bush (*Lindera benzoin*), sugar maple (*Acer saccharum*), beech (*Fagus grandifolia*).

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Plant Type: Fern

Size: 1-2' H
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Water Tolerant: No

Soil: Rich Moist

Flower Color:

Bloom Time:

Other Attributes:

Deer resistant

Habitat:

Forested Upland

Exposure: shade
filtered

Plant in: Fall

Groundcover: No