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# *Dryopteris carthusiana*

## Toothed Wood Fern



The plant grows in a well-defined crown. It is sub-evergreen in much of its range, completely deciduous in the northern part, and may be fully evergreen in mild winters towards the south. The toothed wood fern is a good fern for the garden, and is easily grown in ordinary garden soil with constant moisture.

***Suggested Companions:*** Elderberry (*Sambucus canadensis*), joe pye weed (*Eupatorium maculatum*), boneset (*Eupatorium perfoliatum*), southern blue flag (*Iris virginica*), cardinal flower (*Lobelia cardinalis*), great blue lobelia (*lobelia siphilitica*), sedges (*Carex* sp.)

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Plant Type: Fern

Size: 1.5-2.5' H  
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Water Tolerant: Somewhat

Soil: Average Garden Soil  
Rich Moist

Flower Color:

Bloom Time:

Other Attributes:  
Deer resistant

Habitat:

Wet Meadow  
Forested Wetland  
Shrubby Wetland

Exposure: filtered  
shade

Plant in: Fall

Groundcover: No