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Matteuccia struthiopteris

Ostrich Fern



A tall, visually striking fern. It's rich green fronds form a vase-like clump. Spreads readily and should be planted where it has room to grow.

Suggested Companions: silver maple (*Acer saccharinum*), redbud (*Cercis canadensis*), moonseed (*Menispermum canadensis*), wild geranium (*Geranium maculatum*), other ferns. Tolerates sunny locations if given plenty of moisture.

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Plant Type: Fern
Size: 3-8' H
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Water Tolerant: Somewhat

Soil: Rich Moist
Average Garden Soil
Very Damp/Wet

Flower Color: Bloom Time:

Other Attributes:
Deer resistant

Habitat:
Floodplains
Along streams
Forested Wetland

Exposure: filtered
shade

Plant in: Fall

Groundcover: No