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Osmunda cinnamomea

Cinnamon Fern



White, woolly "fiddleheads" in early spring. Large, light green fronds, and stiff, cinnamon-colored, wand-like fertile leaves, which remain standing all winter. Spreads slowly. Needs acidic, consistently damp soil; will tolerate sun if it has sufficient moisture.

Suggested companions: purple chokeberry (*Aronia prunifolia*), sensitive fern (*Onoclea sensibilis*), boneset, joe pye weed, swamp goldenrod (*Solidago* other ferns such as interrupted fern (*Osmunda claytoniana*), royal fern (*Osmunda regalis*),

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Plant Type: Fern
Size: 3-5' H
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Water Tolerant: Somewhat

Soil: Rich Moist
Very Damp/Wet

Flower Color:

Bloom Time:

Other Attributes:
Deer resistant
Winter interest

Habitat:

Forested Wetland
Shrubby Wetland
Wet Meadow
Swamp/ Bog

Exposure: sun
filtered
shade

Plant in: Fall

Groundcover: No