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Osmunda claytoniana

Interrupted Fern



White, woolly fiddleheads in early spring, then large, light green fronds. In damp, acidic soil and shade, this can be a very large fern, up to 5' tall; it will grow in drier and sunnier sites, but will be much smaller. Spreads slowly.

Suggested companions: cinnamon fern (*Osmunda cinnamomea*), royal fern (*Osmunda regalis*), skunk cabbage (*Symplocarpus foetidus*).

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Plant Type: Fern
Size: 2'-4' H
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Water Tolerant: Somewhat

Soil: Very Damp/Wet
Rich Moist

Flower Color:

Bloom Time:

Other Attributes:
Deer resistant

Habitat:

Shrubby Wetland
Forested Wetland
Forested Upland
Wet Meadow

Exposure: filtered
shade

Plant in: Fall

Groundcover: No