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# *Polystichum acrostichoides*

## Christmas Fern

An easy woodland fern with dark-green, glossy, evergreen fronds. Tolerates some sunlight if kept moist.

**Suggested companions:** lady fern (*Athyrium filix-femina*), Jack-in-the-pulpit (*Arisaema triphyllum*), trillium (*Trillium grandiflorum*), blue cohosh (*Caulophyllum thalictroides*).

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Plant Type: Fern

Size: 1-2'    H  
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Water Tolerant: No

Habitat:

Forested Upland

Soil: Rich Moist  
Average Garden Soil

Exposure: filtered  
shade

Flower Color:

Bloom Time:

Plant in: Fall

Groundcover: No

Other Attributes:

Deer resistant  
Winter interest