Pteridium aquilinum
Bracken Fern

Deep green, leathery fronds on upright stems. Grows in open woods and thickets, especially on sandy soils. Turns a lovely burnished gold in the fall. Can spread aggressively.

Suggested companions: lowbush blueberry (Vaccinium angustifolium), rough blazing star (Liatris aspera), old field goldenrod (Solidago nemoralis), oaks (Quercus sp.), white pine (Pinus strobus).

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Plant Type: Fern
Size: 2-4' H W

Water Tolerant: No
Habitat:
Woodland Margin
Open field/ Prairie
Forested Upland

Soil: Average Garden Soil
Sandy/ Gravelly
Rich Moist

Exposure: sun filtered

Flower Color: Bloom Time:

Plant in: Fall
Groundcover: Yes

Other Attributes: Deer resistant