

Marsh Fern

Thelypteris palustris Also known as: **Eastern Marsh Fern**

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This description is for **Marsh Fern (Thelypteris palustris)**:

Finding groundcover for boggy spots in heavily shaded areas can be tricky, but *thelypteris palustris* is the ideal solution. With the common name, the marsh fern, it obviously thrives in very moist conditions. Its foliage looks similar to that of other members of the *thelypteris* genus, with pale green fronds, each featuring 25 pairs of lance-shaped pinnae. A rapid spreader, it can quickly cover relatively large areas, and so is especially suited to the role of under-planting or groundcover in moist woodland areas. The marsh fern dislikes dry or submerged locations, but thrives in slightly acidic, loamy soils. Pruning by cutting back its rhizomes is necessary to contain its spread.



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Plant	Environment	Usage
Known dangers? no	Hardiness zone Z5-8	Standard category Grasses, ferns & bamboo Ferns
Height [m] 0.6	Heat zone H8-5	Grown for Ornamental Foliage
Spread [m] 1	Winter temperatures [°C] -29 - -7	Creative category Kid Approved For Beginners Pond plants
Dominant flower colour Inconspicuous or absent	Heat days 30 - 120	Garden type Bog garden Pond

Plant	Environment	Usage
Flower Fragrance No, neutral please	Sun requirements Full sun Partial shade	Garden spaces Borders
Foliage in spring Green		Gardening expertise beginner
Foliage in summer Green		Time to reach full size 2 to 5 years
Foliage in Autumn Green		
Propagation methods division		
Growth habit Creeping		