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Ostrich fern

Matteuccia struthiopteris Also known as: **Ostrich-feather fern, Shuttlecock fern**

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This description is for **Ostrich fern (Matteuccia struthiopteris)**:

There's no need to get in a flap when it comes to putting together a garden design. *Matteuccia struthiopteris* or ostrich fern is a stunning addition that will have all eyes on it thanks to the fantastic rich green fronds that resemble ostrich feathers. These fronds surround smaller brown fronds, which are fertile. Ostrich fern likes partially shaded and fully shaded areas and does well in moist and well-drained loamy, clay or sandy soil. Ostrich fern tolerates wet areas, making this a beautiful option for growing at the side of a pond or stream. This fern creates a lush and mysterious woodland garden and will have people flocking to beds and borders within a cottage garden.



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Plant	Environment	Usage
Known dangers? no	Acidity Acidic Neutral	Standard category Grasses, ferns & bamboo Ferns
Height [m] 1.7	Hardiness zone Z2-8	Grown for Ornamental Foliage
Spread [m] 1	Heat zone H8-1	Creative category Kid Approved For Beginners We love the dark Pond plants

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Dominant flower colour Inconspicuous or absent	Winter temperatures [°C] -46 - -7	Garden type Bog garden Woodland Cottage garden Pond
Flower Fragrance No, neutral please	Heat days 0 - 120	Garden spaces Shade Borders
Foliage in spring Green	Moisture well-drained but frequently watered poorly-drained	Gardening expertise beginner
Foliage in summer Green	Soil type sandy Clay loams	Time to reach full size up to 10 years
Foliage in Autumn Green	Sun requirements Partial shade Full shade	
Propagation methods division Spores	Exposure Exposed Sheltered	
Growth habit Clump-forming Spreading		