

# Some of the **common native ferns** in Miami-Dade County preserves



**Southern shield fern (*Thelypteris kunthii*)**  
Fronds hairy, soft to touch



**Brittle maidenhair (*Adiantum tenerum*)**  
FL-End, but common in Miami



**Resurrection fern (*Pleopeltis polypodioides*)**  
Epiphyte, usually on live oaks



**Bracken fern (*Pteridium aquilinum*)**  
Can be dense invader in pine rocklands



**Sword fern (*Nephrolepis exaltata*)**  
Narrower than *N. biserrata*



**Giant sword fern (*Nephrolepis biserrata*)**  
Fronds very wide, can be dense



**Pineland fern (*Anemia adiantifolia*)**  
Thick-leaved, present in hammocks too



**Leather fern (*Acrostichum* spp.)**  
Wetlands. Very large; to >2m tall



**Golden polypody (*Phlebodium aureum*)**  
Cabbage palm epiphyte, gold fuzzy rhizome

# Some of the **rare native** ferns in Miami-Dade County Preserves



Toothed spleenwort  
(*Asplenium dentatum*)



Modest spleenwort  
(*Asplenium verecundum*)



Fragrant maidenhair  
(*Adiantum melanoleucum*)



Filmy ferns  
(*Trichomanes* spp.)



Creeping Star-Hair Fern  
(*Thelypteris reptans*)



Stiff Star-Hair Fern  
(*Thelypteris sclerophylla*)



Wedgelet fern  
(*Odontosoria clavata*)



Brown hair comb fern  
(*Ctenitis submarginalis*)



Florida tree fern  
(*Ctenitis sloanei*)



Halberd Ferns  
(*Tectaria heracleifolia* & *T. fimbriata*)



Grid scale maiden fern  
(*Thelypteris patens*)



# Some of the **non-native** ferns in Miami-Dade County Preserves



**Asian sword fern (*Nephrolepis brownii*)**  
Dark scales at base with pale margins



**Opulent maiden fern (*Thelypteris opulenta*)**  
Golden glands on underside of frond, need lens



**Tuberous sword fern (*Neph. cordifolia*)**  
Tubers sometimes present, pinnae overlap



**Chinese ladder brake (*Pteris vittata*)**  
Found in most preserves, rarely dense



**Giant brake (*Pteris tripartita*)**  
Tree fern to >2m tall.. Castellow, Deering, Matheson



**Wart fern (*Phymatosorus* spp.)**  
Green creeping rhizome, landscape favorite



**Staghorn fern (*Platycerium bifurcatum*)**  
Increasingly naturalizes



**Incised halberd fern (*Tectaria incisa*)**  
Could confuse with rare native *T. heracleifolia*