

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 michauxiana*)
Epiphyte, usually on live oaks



Bracken fern (*Pteridium caudatum*)
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, variable, 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 **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 may be present, pinnae bases overlap



Chinese ladder brake (*Pteris vittata*)
Extremely variable. Widespread.



Downy maiden fern (*Christella dentata*)
Purple/brown rachis, distinctive veins



Giant brake (*Pteris tripartita*)
Tree fern to >2m tall



Wart fern (*Microsorium grossum*)
Green creeping rhizome, landscape favorite



Staghorn fern (*Platycerium bifurcatum*)
Increasingly naturalizes



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

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
(*Didymoglossum* spp.)



Creeping Star-Hair Fern
(*Thelypteris reptans*)



Stiff Star-Hair Fern
(*Thelypteris sclerophylla*)



Wedgelet fern
(*Sphenomeris clavata*)



Brown hair comb fern
(*Ctenitis submarginalis*)



Florida tree fern
(*Ctenitis sloanei*)



Halberd ferns (*Tectaria* spp.)
(*T. fimbriata*, *T. heracleifolia*)



Grid scale maiden fern
(*Thelypteris patens*)