

AMERICAN ALPINE LADY FERN

Athyrium alpestre ssp. *americanum*

Wood Fern Family (Dryopteridaceae)

Synonyms: *A. americanum*; *A. distentifolium* ssp. *americanum*; *A. alpestre* ssp. *americanum*; *A. distentifolium* auct. non; *A. distentifolium* var. *americanum*

Habitat: Moist, open rocky subalpine slopes and alpine meadows

DISTRIBUTION

Yukon: East-central Yukon; known only from near the Northwest Territories border at about 63°N

North America: From Yukon to Newfoundland, southwestern United States

World: North America

CONSERVATION RANK

Global rank: Secure (G5)

Canadian rank: Secure (N5)

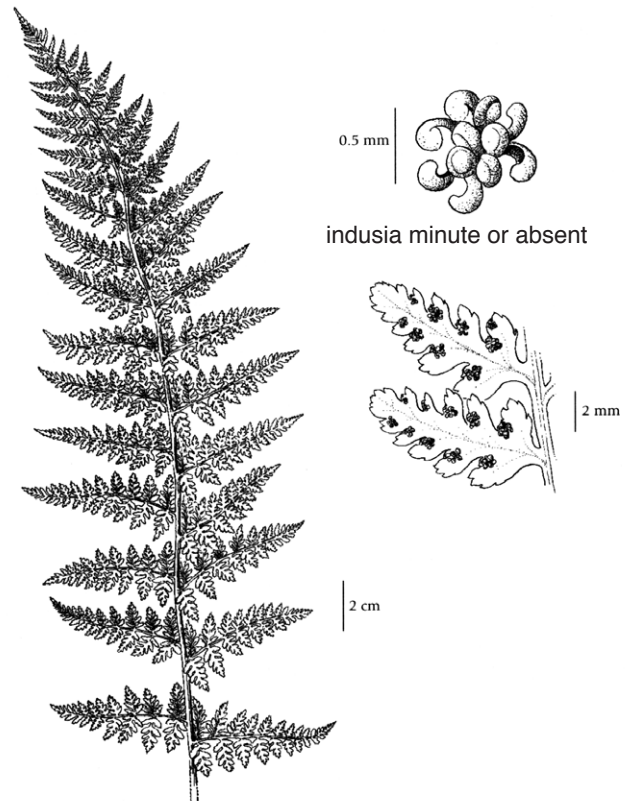
Yukon rank: Historical (SH) (last reported in 1960)

Distinguishing features: Sori round, submarginal; indusia much reduced or usually absent. This species is smaller than the Lady Fern (<80 cm) and has a crinkled appearance as though scorched by a flame. Lady Fern has horseshoe-shaped indusia.



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