

Male Robust Fern

Dryopteris filix-mas 'Undulata Robusta'

North American Native Cultivar



Dryopteris (*dree-op-te-ris*) From the Greek *drys*, oak, and *pterus*, a fern.

filix-mas (*fil-iks-mahs*) meaning male fern.

Undulata Robusta has strong, sturdy, wide fronds reaching 24–36", and is semi-evergreen. It combines well with a range of flowering perennials, annuals, and bulbs. The Male Robust Fern will also offer support to sometimes pendulous Anemones and Spiderwort.



About the Species:

Zones: 2 - 8 **Height:** 24 – 36" **Spacing:** 18"

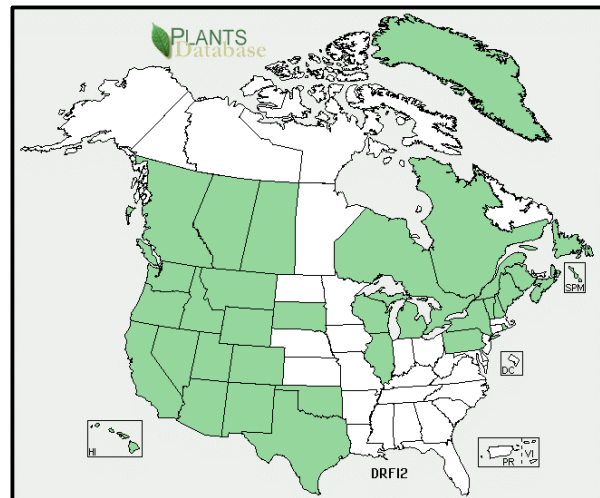
D. filix-mas

This upright semi-evergreen fern is one of the most common ferns found in the temperate Northern Hemisphere, occurring more commonly in Europe and Asia than in North America.

Family: Dryopteridaceae



Habitat: Male Fern is found growing in damp woods and shaded, moist, rocky soils.



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In the Garden: Plant in moist, humus rich soil in light to full shade for a nice addition to the shade garden or woodland garden.

Other Uses: Native Americans consumed the rhizomes, steamed or raw to treat intestinal parasites or to neutralize plant or shellfish poisoning.