

# TROUT PONDS FERN FINDER

## *A Quick Guide to 11 Common Species*

	Name	Growth Form	Size	Description
Once cut	<b>Sensitive Fern</b>	<i>Random</i>	Short – Medium	Fertile frond separate; upper pinnae connected by wings to stem
Twice cut	<b>Marginal Wood Fern</b>	<i>Circular Clump</i>	Medium	Spore cases located along margins of underside; evergreen, leathery fronds
	<b>Interrupted Fern</b>	<i>Circular Clump</i>	Tall	Spore cases located on middle portion of some fronds
	<b>Royal Fern</b>	<i>Circular Clump</i>	Tall	Spore cases located on terminal portion of leafy fronds; wetland fern
	<b>Cinnamon Fern</b>	<i>Circular Clump</i>	Tall	Fuzzy stem diminishing with age; separate fertile frond in center of clump; wetland fern
	<b>New York Fern</b>	<i>Clump / Random</i>	Short	Frond tapers sharply at both ends
Thrice cut	<b>Eastern Hay-scented Fern</b>	<i>Crowds</i>	Medium	Often growing in large colonies; covered in fine hairs
	<b>Bracken Fern</b>	<i>Random</i>	Medium – Tall	Triangular fern; nectaries attract ants; often found in dry woods
	<b>Spinulose Wood Fern</b>	<i>Circular Clump</i>	Medium	Lacy fern with lowest innermost pinnule > next (compare with Evergreen Wood)
	<b>Evergreen Wood Fern</b>	<i>Circular Clump</i>	Medium	Lacy fern with lowest innermost pinnule < or = next (compare with Spinulose Wood); evergreen
	<b>Northern Lady Fern</b>	<i>Clump</i>	Medium	Base of frond has dark scales; tapers at base, but not sharply

Scientific names for each species can be found on my Plainville Fern Finder located at <http://joshfecteau.com/resources/plainville-fern-finder/>