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**Deer fern**

*Scientific:* Blechnum spicant (L.) Sm.

*Primary category:* Fern

*Habitat:* Forests

*Description (by Bosky Dell Natives):*

1-3 foot fern widespread along the coast and moist, mid-elevation areas. Deer fern has 2 types of fronds: a tuft of evergreen vegetative fronds at the base and lovely airy reproductive fronds (right and below) that die back in winter.

Source of food for deer & elk. Part shade/shade, regular water.

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*Lewis and Clark's journal entries (by Bosky Dell Natives):*