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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.

## Images of Blechnum spicant

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**Licorice fern**

*Scientific:* Polypodium glycyrrhiza

*Primary category:* Fern

*Habitat:* Forests

*Description (by Bosky Dell Natives):*

10-12 inch deciduous fern that often grows on the mossy bark of big-leaf maples as well as rotting logs and moist banks. The bright orange sori on the underside of the fronds contrast well with the dark green fronds.

Part shade/shade, regular water, well-drained soil.

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**Western swordfern, sword fern**

*Scientific:* Polystichum munitum (Kaulf.) C. Presl

*Primary category:* Fern

*Habitat:* Forests

*Description (by Bosky Dell Natives):*

3-5 foot clumping, evergreen fern. Individual pinnae resemble small swords. Sword fern is extremely versatile and grows well in many garden situations. Beautiful en masse.

Part shade/shade, regular water.

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**Western brackenfern**

*Scientific:* Pteridium aquilinum (L.) Kuhn

*Primary category:* Fern

*Habitat:* Forests

*Description (by Bosky Dell Natives):*

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