



Silvery glade fern

Deparia acrostichoides

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The silvery glade fern is a common inhabitant of the bottoms of small stream valleys in the eastern United States. It can grow up to 3 or more feet tall, forming spreading colonies. The spore is borne on taller, more narrow fronds that arise in late summer long after the sterile fronds have grown. Just before the spores ripen, the indusia of the sori (the tissue flap that covers the spore-bearing organs) turns a silvery color, giving the back of the frond a silver appearance. This fern tolerates both moderate shade and moderate sun, but prefers soils that do not dry out excessively.

Growing instructions:

The silvery glade fern will grow well in most gardens and tolerates a wide range of pH. It prefers a humus-rich, moist soil. It will also grow in regular garden soil, but tends to become a bit ragged in the late summer if not watered well. Protect this fern from extreme dryness.



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