

Thelypteris kunthii

Southern Shield Fern



Thelypteris knuthii is a spectacular southeast native fern. The large, triangular fronds of light green are produced all summer. It does exceedingly well in hot, dry conditions, but grows larger in shade and if given supplemental water. In drier or sunnier spots, it remains smaller. Southern shield fern spreads underground and is extremely easy to transplant. The slowly rhizomatous clumps spread nicely to make incredible woodland masses. The ferns die back in the winter, but sprout very early in the spring. In order for the beds to look nice, it is necessary to cut out the old leaves, since they are brown and unsightly, but the new foliage lasts all season until it freezes. **Part Sun to Shade**

Height: 2' – 3'

Spread: 1 ½' – 2'