

Garden Plant Information Sheet

Common Name Japanese Painted Fern

Scientific Name Athyrium nipponicum 'Pictum'

Circle One: Annual ☒ Perennial
Biennial Tree Shrub

Plant Hardiness Zone 4-7
Mature Height 18 inches
Mature Width 12-18 inches

Circle Light Requirements:

Sun (6+ hrs) ☒ Part Sun (3-6 hrs)
☒ Shade (<3 hrs)

Location in Garden On north side of house in front yard shade garden

Plant Characteristics Colorful foliage, good for adding color in shade

Maintenance/Care Requires consistent moisture or fronds will have leaf scorch. Divide in spring or fall, can propagate from spores. Remove dead foliage in spring before new growth starts

Insect or Disease Problems
(Potential or Actual) None serious

Date Purchased/Received 10/1/10

Date Planted 10/1/10

Source My local garden center

Warranty/Receipt? ☒ Yes ☐ No

For more information on gardening
please visit:
<http://web.extension.illinois.edu/state/horticulture/index.php>

or
call University of Illinois Extension
Knox County Office
309-342-5108

Other information brochures can be found
online at <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/hkmw/hort.html>

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Creating a Garden Journal



Garden Tips

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Why Keep A Journal

Keeping a garden journal is a great way to organize and keep track of the how, when, where, and what of gardening as reminders for next season. It's easier to take notes during the current garden season than struggling to remember 6 months after the season has ended. Garden journals assist in keeping track of problems so preventative action can be taken in future seasons. Developing a journal should be fun. It will allow you to be creative while providing a permanent garden record.

What to Include in a Journal

Below are ideas that can or should be included in a journal. This is not an exhaustive list, but suggestions. Be creative.

- Pictures from your garden or other gardens
- Plant tags
- Basic garden layout
- Favorite or successful plants
- Plants to avoid (ones that did not do well or took over)
- Insect and disease problems
- Bloom time of plants
- Which plants to deadhead for continuous bloom

- When seeds were started, transplanted, or planted in the garden
- Successful container plants or designs
- Suppliers for plants, seeds, etc.
- Expenses/Receipts
- Clippings of interesting articles from newspapers or magazines
- Reminders to divide perennials
- Garden maintenance schedule
- Daily activities and observations
- Weather information
- When to prune flowering shrubs
- Shopping list
- Web or book pages to reference specific gardening/plant information
- Ideas for future seasons
- Notes on which beds to start or redesign

Journal Organizational Ideas

Below are a few ideas for organizing a garden journal

- By planting bed
- By plant type—perennials, annuals, trees, shrubs, vegetables, herbs, lawn, etc.
- By day, week, month, or season

Suggested Materials For Creating a Garden Journal

- 3-ring binder
- Photo album
- Clear sheet pockets
- Computer—programs, internet
- Pre-made journals available at bookstores or online
- Divider sheets
- Sticky notes
- Shoe boxes
- Notebook paper
- Graph paper
- Calendar

Journal Templates

On the last page of the brochure is an example to help you fill out the Garden Plant Information Sheet that can be used in your own garden journal. Consider attaching plant labels or pictures to the sheet to help you keep track of your garden plants. Copies of the Garden Plant Information Sheet can be downloaded in pdf format at <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/hkmw/downloads/41008.pdf>

Have fun with your garden journal!