

Dryopteris affinis

(Golden shield fern, golden scaled fern)

A medium sized fern that has semi-evergreen arching dark green fronds that is light green, brownish during spring. It prefers shade but can survive in sunnier conditions if the soil is wet. It is used for shade borders as well as along the edges of a bog garden



Plant Image

Landscape Information

- Plant Type: Groundcover
- Origin: Europe, Asia
- Heat Zones: 6, 7, 8
- Hardiness Zones: 6, 7, 8
- Uses: Border Plant, Container, Shade, Wildlife, Ground cover

Size/Shape

- Growth Rate: Moderate
- Tree Shape: Round
- Canopy Texture: Medium
- Height at Maturity: 1 to 1.5 m
- Spread at Maturity: 0.5 to 1 meter
- Time to Ultimate Height: 5 to 10 Years

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Leaf Image

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### Botanical Description

#### Foliage

**Leaf Arrangement:** Spiral

**Leaf Persistence:** Semi Evergreen

**Leaf Type:** Bipinnately compound

**Leaf Blade:** Over 80 cm

**Leaf Shape:** Ovate

**Leaf Scent:** No Fragrance

**Color(growing season):** Green

**Color(changing season):** Green, Brown

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#### Flower

**Flower Showiness:** False

**Flower Scent:** No Fragrance

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#### Trunk

**Trunk Esthetic Values:** Not Showy

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Other Image

### Horticulture Management

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#### Tolerance

**Frost Tolerant:** Yes

**Heat Tolerant:** No

**Drought Tolerant:** No

**Salt Tolerance:** Poor

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#### Requirements

**Soil Requirements:** Clay, Loam, Sand

**Soil Ph Requirements:** Acidic, Neutral

**Water Requirements:** High, Moderate

**Light Requirements:** Part, Shade

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#### Management

**Diseases:** Generally disease free

**Edible Parts:** None

**Pests:** Generally pest free

**Plant Propagations:** Division, Spores