

# WESTERN SWORD FERN

## POLYSTICHUM MUNTUM



OCCURRING THROUGHOUT MUCH OF COASTAL CALIFORNIA AND THROUGHOUT THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST, WESTERN SWORD FERN IS ONE OF OUR MOST GRACEFUL OF FOREST DENIZENS. FORMING A MOSTLY UPRIGHT VASE OF CLASSIC FERN FOLIAGE, IT IS EVERGREEN AND IMPERVIOUS TO BROWSING DEER. THOUGH IT ENJOYS THE MOIST HUMOUS-Y ENVIRONMENTS IT OFTEN CALLS HOME, IT SURVIVES AND LOOKS GOOD EVEN IN DRIER CLIMATES. A COUSIN OF THE BOSTON FERN, BUT MUCH MORE FROST-TOLERANT, IT LOOKS EQUALLY BEAUTIFUL IN HANGING BASKETS AND URNS AS IT DOES IN WOODLAND GARDENS. THOUGH IT CAN REACH AS MUCH AS 5' HIGH IN MOIST COOL AREAS, WHEN PLANTED IN A DRIER AREAS ITS SIZE WILL GENERALLY BE MORE LIMITED AND REACH ONLY HALF THAT. GREAT FOR AMBIANCE, IT CONTRIBUTES TO THAT ANCIENT, MAGICAL FEEL THAT REALLY ONLY FERNS, LICHENS, AND MOSSES CAN DO.

ZONES 5-9

SHADE