Adiantum pedatum

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northern maidenhair

Light Requirements: part-shade, shade

Soil Moisture: **moist**

Soil Description: rich, average

Height: 1'-2'

Recommended

Spacing: 12"

Leaf Color: green

Hardiness Zone: 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

Additional Tags: colonizing, deer resistant, ornamental foliage, rock garden plant, shade garden plant

The northern maidenhair is a delicately textured, extremely attractive fern. Reaching only about 20" in height, it will form graceful clumps of radiating foliage floating atop black stems that are so thin that they all but disappear against the background.

It is easy to grow and low maintenance, and will stay green until fall, so long as it is not exposed to direct sun, nor allowed to dry out. If it does die back, new growth will emerge as soon as conditions become favorable again. This plant is ideal for protected northern exposures. Under best light and soil conditions, the maidenhair will colonize by thin rhizomes as well as spores.

