

## **MAIDENHAIR FERN**

Adiantum pedatum

*Without a doubt, this is one of our most elegant natives.*



**Description:** Features finely-textured, somewhat frilly fronds which have curved stalks and are palmately-divided (i.e., fronds divide into finger-like projections). Wiry stems are reddish-brown to black. Crosiers (coiled young fiddleheads) emerge pink in spring. Deciduous/evergreen.

**Natural Habitat:** rich wooded slopes, ravine bottoms and damp shady woods.

**Conservation Status:** NY - Exploitably Vulnerable

**Size:** 1 - 2.5 feet tall with 1 to 1.5 feet spread

**Growth Rate:** Slow

**Light:** Part shade to full shade

**Planting and Care:** Easily grown in average, medium wet, well-drained soil. Prefers moist, humusy, acidic soils. Tolerates drought.

**Landscape Usage:** A very attractive ornamental fern when used in a shaded border, woodland garden, shaded rock garden or native plant garden. Also effective as an edger along paths in shade gardens.