

Osmunda cinnamomeum

Cinnamon Fern

It typically grows in clumps to 2-3' tall, but with constant moisture can reach 6' in height. Osmunda fiber used in the potting of orchids comes from the roots of these ferns. It is easily grown in medium to wet soils in part shade to full shade. Prefers moist, rich, humusy, acidic soils, but adapts to lesser conditions. It may go dormant with dry soil. It is slow to establish but long-lived and vigorous.

Wildlife Value: It provides excellent ground cover. It has scale-like hairs (the fuzz on stems) used by songbirds to line their nests. Birds like the Kentucky Warbler nest in clumps of these ferns.

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