

Insert as an Additional Taxa For *Cyrtomium falcatum*.

Athyrium nipponicum (G.H. Mettenius) H.F. Hance
(*Athyrium goeringianum*, *Athyrium japonicum*)

Japanese Painted Fern

- C Also known as Japanese Silver Painted Fern; this fern has been classified in the families *Dryopteridaceae* or *Woodsiaceae* in various reclassifications of the broader group of taxa once included in the *Polypodiaceae*; 'Pictum' is the cultivar most frequently encountered in our regional nursery trade; fronds on this cultivar are gray-green with metallic silver and burgundy overtones; plants die back to the ground in winter's cold; summer foliage is 80 to 120 tall.
- C This taxa tolerates a wetter soil than many ferns, but is prone to desiccation if soils are not uniformly moist; filtered shade is best; this is a slow grower and not one of our more durable ferns, with proper care *A. nipponicum* is hardy in USDA zones 4 through 8; best in the northeastern portions of our region; reserve usage for small pockets where the foliage can be viewed up close.

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