

Insert as an Additional Taxa For *Cyrtomium falcatum*.

Dicksonia antarctica J.J.H. de La Billardière

Tasmanian Tree Fern

- C Also known as Soft Tree Fern or Australian Tree Fern; *Dicksonia antarctica* is classified in the family *Dicksoniaceae*; this species is native to Southeastern Australia and Tasmania; the thick stout trunk is covered in fibrous proto-roots lending the plant a bit of a shaggy look; the foliage is composed of a large tuft of dark green 6Nto 8Nlong tripinnate fronds atop the trunk; trunks can reach 40Ntall in the wild, but are seldom half this under cultivation in the U.S.; the fronds are oblong to rhombic in shape and the stalk of the fronds have cinnamon colored hairs.
- C Although a bit more cold tolerant than *C. cooperi*, tolerating USDA zones 9 (8b) through 11 winters, *D. antarctica* is less heat tolerant; plants need shade, well drained uniformly moist high organic matter soils, high relative humidity, and shelter from drying winds; best restricted to use in the extreme Southeastern portions of our region.

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