

Insert as an Additional Taxa For *Cyrtomium falcatum*.

Dryopteris erythrosora (D.C. Eaton) C.E.O. Kuntze

Autumn Fern

- C Also known as Japanese Shield Fern or Copper Shield Fern; segregated by some into the *Dryopteridaceae* R.-C. Ching; this fern matures as a 1 Nto 1½ Ntall rounded mound or clump; new growth is a handsome copper-red color, maturing to olive-green; this species was introduced from China and Japan and has become common in the U.S. nursery trade.
- C Plants are evergreen in USDA zones 8 through 9 (10), semi-evergreen in zone 7, and serve as dieback perennials in zones 3 to 6; durable if given suitable conditions including shade, uniformly moist but well drained high organic matter soils, high quality irrigation water, and shelter from drying winds; best in eastern portions of our region.
- C Autumn Fern is not an aggressive grower and can be used as a single specimen or in mixed perennial and shrub borders.

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