



## Plant Data Sheet:

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#### Coastal Wood Fern (*Dryopteris arguta*)

##### **Range**

From Southern California to Washington (1)

##### **Climate, elevation**

Zone 8-9, Between 0 and 6000 ft (2)

##### **Local occurrence**

Wood Fern normally grows on north slopes and/or shady creeks. (1)

##### **Habitat preferences**

Grows under low to medium light in moist-dry garden soil or potting mix with good drainage. (2)

##### **Plant strategy type/ successional stage**

Information not available

##### **Associated species**

Information not available

##### **May be collected as: (seed, layered, divisions, ect)**

The most satisfactory method of propagation is by spores, but division in spring or autumn is

also practicable. Offshoots come from rhizome bases. (2)

### **Collection restrictions or guidelines**

This species is difficult to grow. (2)

### **Seed germination**

unknown

### **Seed life**

Unknown

### **Recommended seed storage conditions**

Unknown

### **Propagation recommendations**

By dividing rhizomes, tubers, corms or bulbs (including offsets) from spores. (3)

### **Soil or medium requirements**

Information not available

### **Installation form**

Information not available

### **Recommended planting density**

Varies for 6 in to 30 in. (3)

### **Care requirements after installed**

Unknown

### **Normal rate of growth or spread: lifespan**

This fern grows to 65cm. (2)

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