Plant Propagation Protocol – *Cryptogramma cascadensis* ESRM 412 – Native Plant Production

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TAXONOMY		
Family Names		
Family Scientific Name:	Pteridaceae	
Family Common Name:	Maidenhair Fern	
Scientific Names		
Genus:	Cryptogramma	
Species:	cascadensis	
Species Authority:	E.R. Alverson	
Variety:		
Sub-species:		
Cultivar:		
Authority for Variety/Sub-species:		
Common Synonym(s)		
Genus:	Cryptogramma, Aspidotis	
Species:	acrostichoides, densa	
Species Authority:		
Variety:		
Sub-species:		
Cultivar:		
Authority for Variety/Sub-species:		
Common Name(s):	Cascade rockbrake	
Species Code (as per USDA Plants	CRCA23	
database):		
GENERAL INFORMATION		
General Distribution (geographical	West Coast of N. America including Idaho and	
range (states it occurs in),	Montana (plants.usda.gov)	
ecosystems, etc):	Talus slopes and cliff crevices, often on igneous rocks,	
	typically in relatively mesic subalpine habitats.	
	(efloras.org)	
Climate and elevation range	Mountain climate and range. 900-3500m	
Local habitat and abundance; may	Most commonly found in Wenatchee Mountains of	
include commonly associated	WA (Kruckeberg 1996)	
species		
Plant strategy type / successional	Requires protection of rock overhang. When crown is	
stage (stress-tolerator, competitor,	protected from winter sogginess and a cool root-run is	
weedy/colonizer, seral, late	provided, this evergreen fern excels as a rock garden	
successional)	subject. (Kruckeberg 1996)	

	Perennial (plants.usda.gov)	
PROPAGATION DETAILS		
Ecotype (this is meant primarily for		
experimentally derived protocols,		
and is a description of where the		
seed that was tested came from):		
Propagation Goal (Options: Plants,	Plants	
Cuttings, Seeds, Bulbs, Somatic		
Embryos, and/or Other Propagules):		
Propagation Method (Options: Seed	Seed	
or Vegetative):		
Product Type (options: Container	Container (plug)	
(plug), Bareroot (field grown), Plug		
+ (container-field grown hybrids,		
and/or Propagules (seeds, cuttings,		
poles, etc.))		
Stock Type:		
Time to Grow (from seeding until		
plants are ready to be outplanted):		
Target Specifications (size or		
characteristics of target plants to be		
produced):		
Propagule Collection (how, when,		
etc):		
Propagule Processing/Propagule		
Characteristics (including seed		
density (# per pound), seed		
longevity, etc):		
Pre-Planting Propagule Treatments		
(cleaning, dormancy treatments,		
etc):		
Growing Area Preparation / Annual		
Practices for Perennial Crops		
(growing media, type and size of		
containers, etc):		
Establishment Phase (from seeding to		
germination):		
Length of Establishment Phase:		
Active Growth Phase (from		
germination until plants are no		
longer actively growing):		
Length of Active Growth Phase:		
Hardening Phase (from end of active		
growth phase to end of growing		
season; primarily related to the		
development of cold-hardiness and		

preparation for winter):		
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Length of Hardening Phase: Harvesting, Storage and Shipping (of		
seedlings):		
Length of Storage (of seedlings,		
between nursery and outplanting):		
Guidelines for Outplanting /		
Performance on Typical Sites (eg, percent survival, height or diameter		
growth, elapsed time before		
flowering):		
Other Comments:		
INFORMATION SOURCES		
References:	USDA NRCS Plants Database	
References.	http://www.plants.usda.gov/	
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	Press, Seattle, WA	
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	http://www.efloras.org/florataxon	
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	Vancouver, BC. Miller Library QK144 .P65 1994	
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	Propagation, King County Department of Public Works	
	Surface Water Management Division	
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	Rose, Cahchulski, Hasse OSU Press 1998	
	Grow Your Own Native Landscape	
	Leigh, Native Plant Salvage Project	
	WSU 1999	
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