

October Plant of the Month:
***Athyrium* 'Ghost'**



The fern, *Athyrium* 'Ghost,' is a festive plant for the month of October. Its' silvery white foliage attributes to its' 'Ghost' name. Whether you use it as an accent or in a massing, this plant is sure to impress.

Growth Habit: 'Ghost' fern has an upright growing habit with silvery fronds. New fronds begin to grow with a shimmery white color and as they get older, darken to a silvery green color. This fern can grow to be 1 to 3 feet tall and 1 to 3 feet wide.

Landscape Merit and Use: 'Ghost' fern is great in a woodland garden or a shady spot in your landscape. You can use it in massing or mixed among other plants. It makes a great companion plant because of its' attractive silvery white color. This fern grows by shallow rhizomes and can slowly spread into a groundcover if desired.

Growing Conditions: Like most ferns, this plant likes partial to full shade with moist, but well-drained amended soil. Light shade gives the best growing conditions for its' beautiful foliage color.

Care: The 'Ghost' fern is a relatively low-maintenance plant. It is not attractive to deer, so it is great in woodland areas. To grow well, this plant may require the building of better soils through the addition of organic amendments. These ferns, as with most, also prefer a well drained soil mix and not hard/compacted clay.