

Botanical Name: Woodwardia fimbriata

Common Name: Giant chain fern

Type of Plant: fern: perennial Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape large, clumping, spreading plant with large, coarse

fronds, no trunk, bold textured plant with pale green foliage

Height to 10' Spread to 10' Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoor shade to partial sun

Soil prefers moist, well-drained soil

Hardiness hardy--zones 4-9, 14-24

Morphology:

Leaves bi-pinnately compound, light to medium green, to 6' long,

prominent ribs on upper surface

Flowers --

Fruit sori, linear to 1/2" long

Propagation: spore, tissue culture, division

Usage: woody landscapes, good for silhouette, near pools or

streams, use in shady areas. Mixes well with other ferns, azaleas, camellias,

rhododendrons, etc.

Landscape Care:

Watering needs regular watering; becomes more drought tolerant

with age

Fertilizing low nitrogen in spring

Pruning control size and spread--can get very large

Pests/Diseases none

Special Conditions

Origin: Pacific Coast Family: Polypodiaceae