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Giant Chain Fern



- ◆ *Woodwardia fimbriata*
- ◆ 5-9' long fronds
- ◆ Evergreen
- ◆ Largest fern in US
- ◆ Indicates wet soil

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Coffee Fern



- ◆ *Pellaea andromedifolia*
- ◆ Up to 2' long fronds
- ◆ Evergreen
- ◆ Dry, rocky slopes
- ◆ Thin, red stems

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Western Sword Fern



- ◆ *Polystichum munitum*
- ◆ Up to 4.5' tall
- ◆ Evergreen
- ◆ Pointed lobes along mid-vein (sword hilt)
- ◆ Most common fern in our redwood forest

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Coastal Wood Fern



- ◆ *Dryopteris arguta*
- ◆ Fronds 2-3' L, 7-12" W
- ◆ Evergreen
- ◆ Shady, wooded slopes
- ◆ Leaflets turn up at leaf stem, appearing lacy

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Goldback Fern



- ◆ *Pentagramma triangularis*
- ◆ 2-12" long, 5-lobed fronds
- ◆ Deciduous
- ◆ Thin dark stem
- ◆ Gold waxy spores on underside

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Polypody Ferns



- ◆ *Polypodium* sp.
- ◆ 3 species at JHP
- ◆ Up to 2' long fronds
- ◆ Drought deciduous
- ◆ Often grows on rock faces, crevices, trees

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Five-Fingered Fern



- ◆ *Adiantum aleuticum*
- ◆ .5-3.5' long fronds
- ◆ Deciduous
- ◆ Streams, wet banks
- ◆ Tolerates serpentine
- ◆ Fan-shaped

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Hairy Bracken Fern



- ◆ *Pteridium aquilinum* var. *pubescens*
- ◆ Up to 4' tall
- ◆ Deciduous
- ◆ Meadows, woodlands
- ◆ Highly divided fronds

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