**Polystichum acrostichoides** (A. Michaux) H.W. Shott
(Asplenium acrostichoides, Dryopteris acrostichoides)

**Christmas Fern**

C Also known as Canker Brake or Dagger Fern; this Eastern North American native fern has found its way into the floristry trade where the handsome leathery fronds are used as filler in arrangements; in outdoor landscapes, Christmas Fern is an evergreen alternative to the Boston Fern for USDA zones 8 through 11.

C Christmas Fern needs a shady environment with a moist rich high organic matter soil; under proper conditions plants can reach 2\(\text{m}\) to 3\(\text{m}\) height.

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