

HAY-SCENTED FERN

DENNSTAEDTIA PUNCTILOBULA

PLANT CHARACTERISTICS

 Size

1.5 – 2.0' high, 2.0 – 3.0' wide

 Sun/Shade

Partial Shade to Full Shade

 Water

Medium

 Maintenance

Medium

 Life Span

Perennial, Zones 3-8



 Description

Dennstaedtia punctilobula, also known as Hay-scented fern (for the fragrance it emits when disturbed) is a deciduous fern best grown in moist, rich, medium loam soils in part shade to full shade. It can tolerate full sun with consistent moisture but in hotter climates, summer decline is possible. Its foliage is lacy, narrow-triangular, standing to bowing, yellowish-green fronds which turn yellow in the fall. This fern spreads aggressively by rhizomes forming colonies that may inhibit seedling growth in forests. It grows best in open woods, wooded banks, shade gardens and is sometimes considered weedy. It is tolerant of rabbits, deer and heavy shade and has no serious insect or disease problems.

Source: [Missouri Botanical Garden](https://www.mobot.org/MOBOT/doc/publications/anderson/fern.htm)



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