

Polypodium californicum

California Polypody



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FERN - deciduous.

1' high, 1' spread. Grows from underground stems.

Leaves unfurl bright green in winter, then turn bronze and die off by late spring or early summer. Near the coast can stay green most of the year.

Native habitat: Bluffs, canyons and woodlands, below 4000' - coastal and inland from Humboldt county south to northern Baja California.

Full shade to part shade.

Best grown on slopes, in rock crevices - good drainage needed if grown on flat ground.

Good in pots. Not eaten by wildlife.

Good with dudleya, yerba buena, coral bells, Oregon iris.

