



Giant Chain Fern *Woodwardia fimbriata*

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<u>Hardiness</u>	<u>Exposure</u>	<u>Soil</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Flowers</u>	<u>Height</u>
Zones 2b-9, 14-24	Partial or full shade	Moist fertile soil	Regular to ample watering	There are no flowers, . Produces sori on the underside of fronds	Averages 4-5 feet, fronds will get as long as 6 feet

A stand of this fern reaching its ultimate height of 9 feet tall, growing in the shadows of a woodland, would be a sight to see. I imagine it would look like an ancient forest where dinosaurs roamed. *Woodwardia* does well in woodlands or next to streams, moist bogs, springs or ponds and even containers. This fern can even grow in full sun if extra moisture is given during our Northwest drought period. The stalks were used by Native Americans to make baskets. The placement of the sori resembles links on a metal chain and where the common name "Giant Chain Fern", comes from. Named after Thomas J. Woodward, British botanist, 1745–1820. *Woodwardia* is not very frost tolerant so grow in a woodland or protected area.