



***Woodsia obtuse* - Woodsia**

COMMON NAME: Blunt-lobed Woodsia

SCIENTIFIC NAME: *Woodsia obtuse* The genus *Woodsia* is named in honor of the British botanist, Joseph Woods (1776-1864).

REPRODUCTION: Spores reach maturity in early to midsummer.

SIZE: Fronds are up to 14 inches tall, 3 inches wide.

BEHAVIOR: Small compact ferns found on cliffs, rocky ledges and rock gardens. They emerge in early spring.

SITE REQUIREMENTS: Shaded rocky banks and cliffs, dry rocky woods in moist neutral not acid soil. Seldom found in exposed areas. Good for shady rock gardens.

SPECIAL FEATURES: This fern is generally evergreen and produces new leaves throughout the season. The pinnae are blunt-lobed. This fern is distinguished by the downy stalks and undersides of its leaves. The stalks are dark orange at the base and yellow above with many conspicuous downy white hairs when young.

NATURAL RANGE: Quebec and Ontario, south to Florida and Texas, north to Nebraska. Found mostly in the southwestern parts of Wisconsin.

SUGGESTED CARE: This fern is easy to grow.

COMPANION PLANTS: Hepatica, columbine, mosses