



Species: *Comptonia peregrina*

(komp-TOH-nee-uh per-uh-GREE-nuh)

Sweetfern

Ornamental Characteristics

Size: Shrub < 4 feet, Groundcover

Height: 2 to 4' tall with a suckering spread twice the height

Leaves: Deciduous

Shape: Broad, flat-topped to rounded shrub

Ornamental Other: full sun to part shade, has the ability to fix nitrogen, sandy, peaty, acid soils with low fertility are best

Environmental Characteristics

Light: Full sun, Part shade

Hardy To Zone: 3a

Soil Ph: Requires acid (pH 5.0 to 7.0)

Salt Tolerance: Tolerates salt spray

Environmental Other: Dark green fragrant foliage, coarse lobes on the leaves look somewhat like fern fronds, old stems are an interesting copper or purplish color

Insect Disease

none serious

Bare Root Transplanting

Any

Other

difficult to transplant; native to the northeastern United States

Photos



Comptonia peregrina - Leaves



Comptonia peregrina - Buds



Comptonia peregrina - Habit



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Comptonia peregrina - Bark



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