

Cultural Information – Matteuccia
(mat-TEW-kee-uh)

<u>Light:</u>	Shade, a northern exposure is best.
<u>Temperature:</u>	Hardy to sub zero temperatures when planted in the ground.
<u>Humidity:</u>	Prefers a moist, temperate climate but can handle wide swings in relative humidity without harm.
<u>Watering:</u>	They like a damp-moist growing area but once established will handle periods of dryness.
<u>Fertilizer:</u>	Little if any fertilizer needed.
<u>Pruning:</u>	A deciduous fern that can be pruned by removing the previous years old fronds in early spring before growth starts.
<u>Insects and Disease:</u>	Few problems with insects or diseases.
<u>Comments</u>	This is a large growing and majestic fern that does well in a shaded area of the garden, especially areas that are moist and damp. It is a clumper so it stays where you plant it. It is deciduous and needs a yearly trimming to keep it tidy.