

Sweetfern - Plant



Comptonia peregrina

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Description *Comptonia* is a monotypic genus in the family Myricaceae, order Fagales. It is native to eastern North America, from southern Quebec south to the extreme north of Georgia, and west to Minnesota.

Common name: *Comptonia peregrina*

Color: White, Green

Bloom time: April to May

Height: 2.00 to 5.00 feet

Difficulty level: easy to grow

Planting & Care

This low growing shrub does best in sandy soils, from well-drained dry sites to the edges of marshes. Sweet Fern (*Comptonia peregrina*) grows in Full sun to light shade, producing fern-like leaves that have a pleasant fragrance when crushed, hence the name. Often forms large colonies, so give this plant some room. Sweet Fern is a larval host plant for the Grey Hairstreak Butterfly.

Sunlight: Full sun to part shade

Soil: well-drained soil

Water: Medium

Temperature: 40°F

Fertilizer: apply any organic fertilizer

Care:

- Easily grown in average, medium, well-drained soil in full sun to part shade.
- Adaptable plant that tolerates wet conditions and wind (including sheltered seashore areas), drought and a wide range of soils (prefers sandy, acidic loams, but tolerates poor soils).
- Does not transplant well.
- Once established, however, it can spread rapidly to form colonies.

Special Feature:

A good shrub for areas with poor soils, such as along alleys, waste areas or roads. An interesting and vigorous plant for native plant gardens or naturalized areas where it can be left alone to colonize.

Use

Medicinal use:

- Sweetfern has medicinal properties and has been known to assist every organ in the elimination of toxins

Culinary use:

- leaves

Note:

for medicinal use, please consult appropriate doctor / physician before use.

Reference:

<http://www.prairienursery.com/store/native-plants/sweet-fern-comptonia-peregrina#.V-uNynhXIU> <http://www.gardenguides.com/69817-grow-sweet-fern.html> <http://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/PlantFinder/PlantFinderDetails.aspx?kempercode=c240>