



ILLINOIS STATUS

common endangered threatened
 native exotic

ILLINOIS RANGE

Permanent resident: statewide

Summer resident:

Migrant:

Winter resident:

BIBLIOGRAPHY

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marginal woodfern

Dryopteris marginalis

Kingdom: Plantae
Division/Phylum: Filicophyta
Class:
Order:
Family:

FEATURES

The marginal woodfern is also known as the evergreen woodfern and the leatherleaf woodfern. Its leaves remain green throughout the year. It grows in clumps of leaves that are about 18 inches long and six inches wide. Each blue-green leaf arches back from the stipe. The leaf is divided into pointed leaflets, each of which is further divided into 20 or more pairs of blunt-tipped, lobed subleaflets. The pale rachis is scaly. The stipe is brown-green above and red-brown at the base. It is covered with scales.

BEHAVIORS

The marginal woodfern may be found statewide in Illinois. It grows in rocky woods. Spores are produced from June through October.

HABITATS

bottomland forests
 coniferous forest
 southern Illinois lowlands
 upland deciduous forest