



# Native Ferns

for Auckland

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**Makaka**  
*Adiantum aethiopicum*

- forms a large soft drift
- prefers partial shade

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**Rosy maidenhair fern**  
*Adiantum hispidulum*

- low spreading habit
- tolerates sun

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**Hen and chicken fern**  
*Asplenium bulbiferum*

- bulbils that grow on fronds can be potted up
- prefers partial shade

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**Crown fern**  
*Blechnum discolor*

- eventually forms a short trunk
- prefers partial shade

These Star Performers are plants of proven excellence in suitable conditions in Auckland. Several native ferns make great garden subjects or container plants. Ferns with reddish new fronds take most sunlight, those with dark green foliage need most shade.





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**Swamp kiokio**  
*Blechnum minus*

- keep soil constantly moist
- prefers full sun or dappled light



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**Prickly rasp fern**  
*Blechnum neohollandicum*  
syn. *Doodia aspera*

- spreading groundcover
- tolerates full sun or partial shade



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**Rasp fern**  
*Blechnum parrisiae*  
syn. *Doodia australis*

- was known as *Doodia media*
- tolerates full sun but best in partial shade



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**Alpine water fern**  
*Blechnum penna-marina*

- forms a low tufted groundcover with rose-pink new fronds.
- tolerates sun

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## Recipe for success:

- Ensure you have free draining soil when selecting your site
- Dig in compost before planting
- Soil should be consistently moist but not waterlogged
- Apply organic mulch after planting to retain moisture and keep roots cool
- Apply occasional deep watering in dry periods

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