

# Dennstaedtia punctilobula

## eastern hayscented fern

Family

Dennstaedtiaceae

Origin

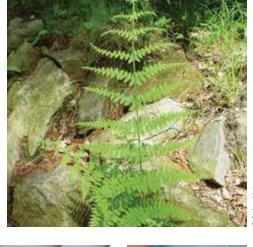
Native

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#### **DESCRIPTION**

The soft lacy fronds (leaves) are slightly sticky to the touch, grow from long rhizomes (underground stems), are twice or three-times compound, and form dense colony patches. Fronds are 10 to 90 cm long, with dense reddishbrown hairs along the rachis (main axis of a compound leaf).



## SPORES

The tiny rounded sori (clusters of spore-bearing cases or sporangia) are found on the underside of fertile fronds along the margins.





### **HABITAT**

Forests, open areas, and drier wetland types.

#### **SIMILAR SPECIES**

Athyrium filix-femina, common ladyfern, has a similar lacy-look, but has larger commashaped sori, no hairs on the rachis, grows in circular clumps like ladies talking to one another, and lowermost "leaflets" point slightly downward like ladies pointing their toes. Dryopteris intermedia, intermediate woodfern, does not have the slightly sticky feel and has evergreen fronds, whereas hay-scented fronds die in winter.



Athvrium filix-femina