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Bracken Fern

Pteridium aquilinum

Life cycle: Herbaceous perennial fern.

Leaves: Fronds that originate from underground rhizomes. Contain many leaflets that are further segregated.

Flowers and fruit: Rather than flowers, the plant produces rows of brownish spores on the lower side of leaves.

Reproduction: Plants spread laterally by rhizomes.



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Similar weeds

Other species of fern are native but bracken is most common in acidic blueberry sites.