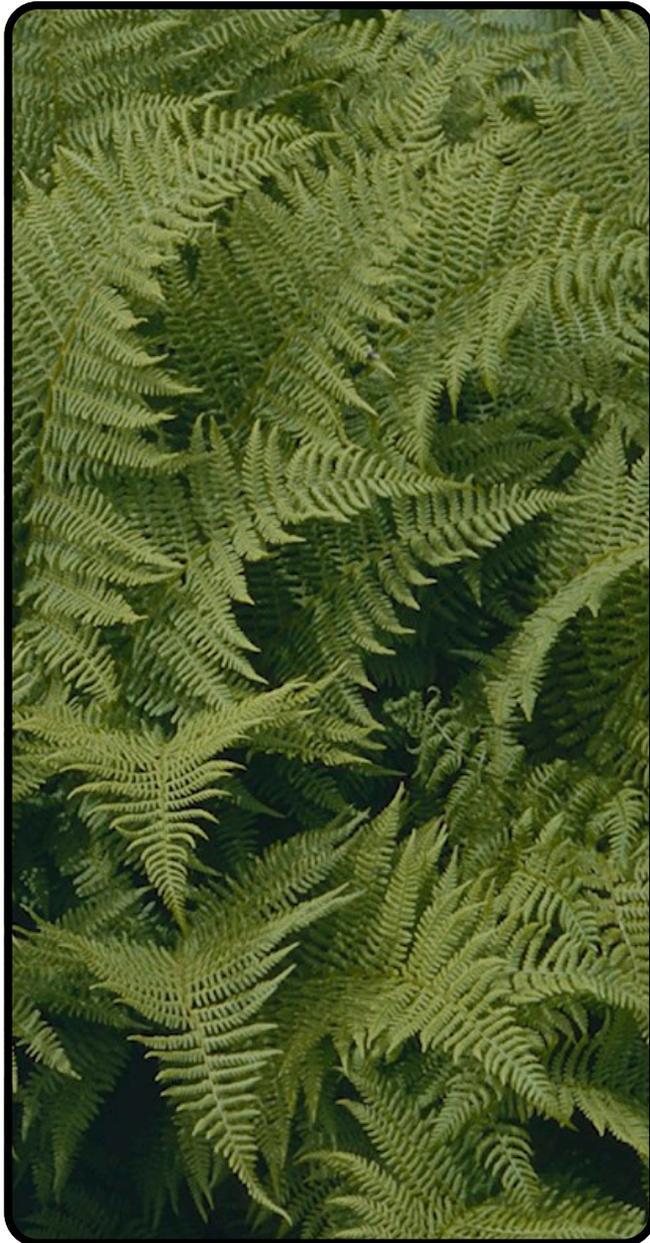


# *Athyrium filix-femina* - Lady-Fern



## **Plant description**

Lady-fern is distinguished from other ferns by the pinnules (leaflets on the frond) exhibiting distinct teeth and tapering to a point. Additionally, the spore cases on the underside of the frond are shaped like a 'comma', and scales on the stem are brown.

## **What does this tell me about my woodland?**

Lady-fern is found in damp woodlands, shady banks and rocky places. They prefer moist soils with lots of organic matter. Lady-fern is an Ancient Woodland Indicator Species in some parts of England and Scotland.

**pH** – Neutral to acidic

**Occurs in NVC Communities** – W7, W9