



Narrow Glade Fern

Homalosorus

pycnocarpos

(Sprengel) Pichi-Sermolli

The narrow glade fern, *Homalosorus pycnocarpus*, (formerly known as *Diplazium pycnocarpon*) has also become known in the trade as the Tennessee ostrich fern. It is a colony-forming fern of moist places, preferring open sun when available but tolerating a good bit of shade. It grows to 3 feet tall. The once-pinnate fronds have a rather ladder-like appearance. The fertile fronds bearing the sori appear in late summer, and are narrower and taller than the fronds shown in the illustration. A native of the eastern US, it is reliably hardy through southern zone 4.

Growing instructions:

The narrow glade fern will grow well in most gardens, but is not suitable for more basic soils (usually over limestone). It prefers a humus-rich, moist soil. It will also grow in regular garden soil, but tends to become a bit ragged in the late summer if not watered well. Protect this fern from extreme dryness.



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