

Coastal Wood Fern (*Dryopteris arguta*)

Order: Polypodiales

Family: Dryopteridaceae (Wood Fern Family)

Sporulating: late spring - summer

Dryopteris arguta is a perennial pteridophyte. It is found in only a few locations on the peninsula. The rhizomes are short-creeping, stout, and have scales that are brown. The fronds are monomorphic and green through winter. The stipe is 1/4 to 1/3 the length of the blade and usually brown. The blade is green to a yellowish green, usually glandular, ovate-lanceolate, and 1-2-pinnate. The pinnae are generally the longest near the base of the blade. The segments of the pinnae have margins that are serrated with spinelike teeth. The sori are located on the abaxial side of the segments and are covered with indusia that are roundish to kidney-shaped, usually persistent, and whitish-gray at maturity. Spore is brown.

