



NET-VEINED CHAIN-FERN
Woodwardia areolata

Located in acid peat, boggy woods, and swamps throughout the Division. Also known as Netted Chain-Fern.

Large ferns with widely creeping, slender rootstalks. Fertile and sterile fronds differ. Sterile fronds with slender green stems 15 to 35 cm long; blades are oblong-lance to egg shaped, fleshy, 15 to 40 cm long; the lance-shaped, slightly-toothed divisions united at base forming a wing, veins resemble a net with open spaces in rows. Fertile fronds taller, with darker stems, 30 to 60 cm long; blades with narrowly linear divisions, almost lacking wings; net-veins less extensive with a single row of open spaces and fruit-dots on each side of the midrib. Fruiting from July to October.