Common Native Ferns and Allies

**Five-finger Fern**
*Adiantum aleuticum*
Fan-shaped, delicate fern with long black stems, found in moist shady areas such as Fern Canyon.

**Lady Fern**
*Athyrium filix-femina var. cyclosorum*
Very common fern in moist redwood forests. Often found near creeks. Delicate fronds taper at base to form a diamond outline.

**Wood Fern**
*Dryopteris arguta*
Often found growing from stumps, or woody debris. Forms triangle at base unlike Lady Fern.

**Deer Fern**
*Blechnum spicant*
Long, narrow, erect fern tapers at tip and base. Slender fronds at left are fertile, sterile at right.

**Bracken Fern**
*Pteridium aquilinum var. pubescens*
Grows in large colonies in meadows. Triangular in outline. Most widely spread fern in world.

**Sword Fern**
*Polystichum munitum*
Dark green, tall, dry fern with pinnae that taper toward base to resemble hilt of sword.

**Leather Fern**
*Polypodium scouleri*
Often grows as epiphyte on tree bark or in canopies. Fronds have thick, leathery texture.

**Licorice Fern**
*Polypodium glycyrrhiza*
Often grows on big-leaf maples within park. Chewed rhizome has licorice taste.

**Common Horsetail**
*Equisetum arvense*
Like ferns, Horsetails reproduce via spores. Leaves grow in whorls from joints. One of earth's oldest plants.