Sword Fern

Polystichum munitum ∼ Fern Family

Lummi: leleki' Nooksack: sá7aqálin

Ethnobotany

Fronds used to line steam-cooking pits
& for bedding

Characteristics

- Ferns are ancient plants with spores instead of seeds, which appear as brown dots on the leaf's underside; one dot has many spores
- Common evergreen fern growing in moist forests, reaching four feet tall
- Erect leaves uncoil from a scaly rhizome

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