Some of the common native ferns in Miami-Dade County preserves

Southern shield fern (*Thelypteris kunthii*)
Fronds hairy, soft to touch

Brittle maidenhair (*Adiantum tenerum*)
FL-End, but common in Miami

Resurrection fern (*Pleopeltis michauxiana*)
Epiphyte, usually on live oaks

Bracken fern (*Pteridium caudatum*)
Can be dense invader in pine rocklands

Sword fern (*Nephrolepis exaltata*)
Narrower than *N. biserrata*

Giant sword fern (*Nephrolepis biserrata*)
Fronds very wide, can be dense

Pineland fern (*Anemia adiantifolia*)
Thick-leaved, variable, present in hammocks too

Leather fern (*Acrostichum spp.*)
Wetlands. Very large; to >2m tall

Golden polypody (*Phlebodium aureum*)
Cabbage palm epiphyte, gold fuzzy rhizome
Some of the non-native ferns in Miami-Dade County Preserves

Asian sword fern (*Nephrolepis brownii*)
- Dark scales at base with pale margins

Opulent maiden fern (*Thelypteris opulenta*)
- Golden glands on underside of frond, need lens

Tuberous sword fern (*Neph. cordifolia*)
- Tubers may be present, pinnae bases overlap

Chinese ladder brake (*Pteris vittata*)
- Extremely variable. Widespread.

Downy maiden fern (*Christella dentata*)
- Purple/brown rachis, distinctive veins

Giant brake (*Pteris tripartita*)
- Tree fern to >2m tall

Wart fern (*Microsorum grossum*)
- Green creeping rhizome, landscape favorite

Staghorn fern (*Platycerium bifurcatum*)
- Increasingly naturalizes

Incised halberd fern (*Tectaria incisa*)
- Could confuse with rare native *T. heracleifolia*
Some of the rare native ferns in Miami-Dade County Preserves

Toothed spleenwort (Asplenium dentatum)

Modest spleenwort (Asplenium verecundum)

Fragrant maidenhair (Adiantum melanoleucum)

Filmy ferns (Didymoglossum spp.)

Creeping Star-Hair Fern (Thelypteris reptans)

Stiff Star-Hair Fern (Thelypteris sclerophylla)

Wedgelet fern (Sphenomeris clavata)

Brown hair comb fern (Ctenitis submarginalis)

Florida tree fern (Ctenitis sloanei)

Halberd ferns (Tectaria spp.) (T. fimбриata, T. heracleifolia)

Grid scale maiden fern (Thelypteris patens)