

ARE MICROBES ASSOCIATED WITH THE DIEBACK OF SWORD FERNS?



Western Sword Fern Dieback

Western sword ferns (*Polystichum munitum*) are important species in the understory in Pacific Northwest forests. However, starting in 2013, many reports noted dieback in sword fern populations.

More research is needed to understand the cause and distribution of the dieback issues in the Pacific Northwest.

You can help by mapping or collecting soils from areas with unhealthy sword fern plants

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