

*Cystopteris montana*

**MOUNTAIN BLADDER FERN**

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**Athyriaceae (Ladyfern Family)**

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**Look Alikes:** Distinguished from other *Cystopteris* species by its broadly triangular fronds with three main branches.

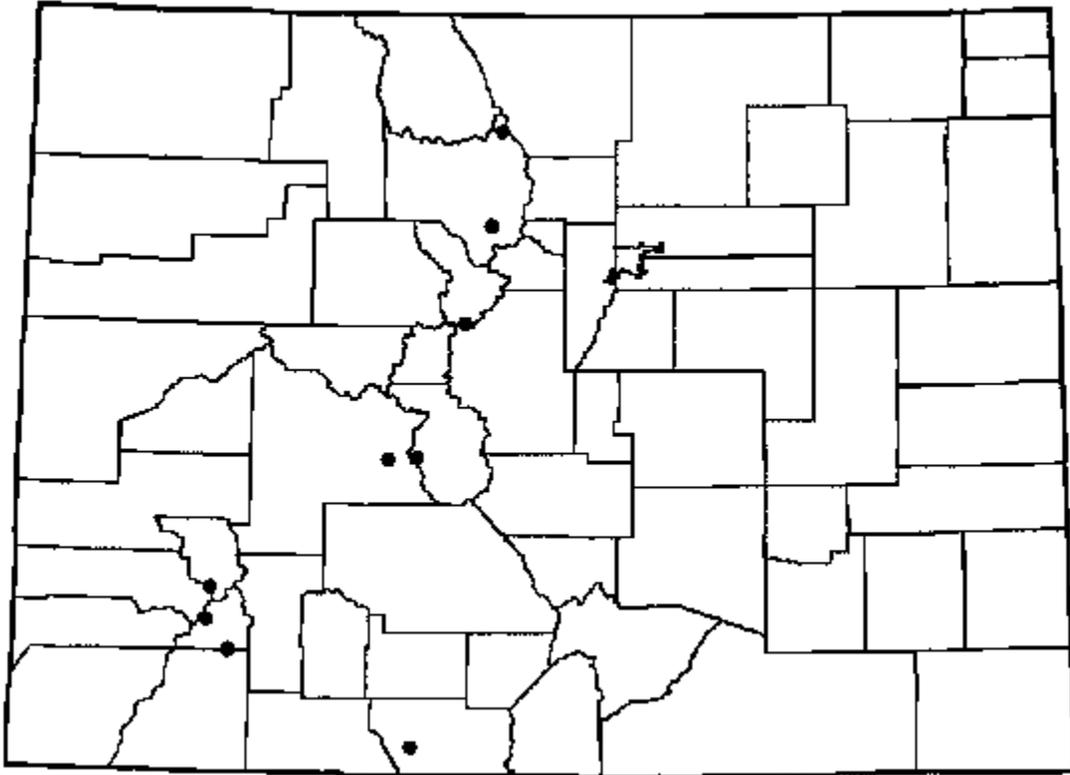
**Spore-Producing Period:** June-October.

**Habitat:** Moist, rich soil in shady spruce-fir forests. Elev. 9000-11,000 ft.



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**Distribution:** Eurasia; Greenland; Canada; Alaska, Montana and Colorado (Chaffee, Conejos, Grand, Gunnison, Ouray, San Juan and Summit Cos.).



**References:** Flora of North America Editorial Committee 1993; Welsh 1974.