POLYPODIACEAE
Adiantum pedatum L.
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maidenhair fern

FORM: Erect, perennial fern, 10-60cm (4-24in) tall, from short, creeping rhizomes.

LEAVES: Few to solitary deciduous fronds, the stalk divides into two recurving parts, each part consisting of 5-6 pinnae with 15-35 alternate, bluish-green pinnules (leaflets) in a fanlike blade arrangement (1), more or less parallel to ground on a thin, shiny purple to purplish-black wiry petiole.

SORI: Borne on reflexed margins (2).

NOTES: Major populations located between the St. Joe and Selway River drainages, in warm, high humidity habitats.