POLYPODIACEAE
Gymnocarpium dryopteris (L.) Newm.
Gydr
oak-fern

FORM: Delicate, rhizomatous, perennial fern, 10-30cm (4-12in) tall.

LEAVES: Deciduous, bi or tripinnate, appears as three leaflets, broadly triangular, distinctly asymmetrical, parallel to the ground; pinnae opposite with lowest pair the largest, then tapering to tip.

SORI: Small, circular, borne on undersurface of leaf; indusium lacking.

Similar Species: Cystopteris montana, (Mtn. bladder-fern), cuplike indusium.

HABITAT: Moist woods, streambanks, and wet cliffs.