Cystopteris montana  MOUNTAIN BLADDER FERN

Athyriaceae (Ladyfern Family)

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.
**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.