1	Leaves leathery; sori near the pinna margins, the indusia thick, not shriveling at maturity	6 *Dryopteris marginalis*
+	Leaves herbaceous to papery; sori near the midribs or halfway between the margins and midribs, the indusia thin, shriveling at maturity	(2)
2 (1)	Leaf blades narrowly lanceolate to narrowly oblong in outline, the pinnae of fertile leaves often twisted like venetian blinds at right angles to the plane of the leaf	3 *Dryopteris cristata*
+	Leaf blades deltoid to ovate, obovate, or lanceolate in outline, flat	(3)
3 (2)	Leaf blades pinnately compound above to sometimes 2 times pinnately compound below, the pinnules mostly deeply lobed; rhizome and petiole scales dark brown, sometimes with lighter margins, shiny	(4)
+	Leaf blades 2 times pinnately compound above to often 3 times pinnately compound below, the pinnules mostly deeply lobed; rhizome and petiole scales tan, concolorous, not shiny	(5)
4 (3)	Leaf blades ovate-lanceolate, tapering gradually to the tip and broadest at or below the middle; sori about halfway between the midribs and margins of the pinnules or pinnule lobes	2 *Dryopteris celsa*
+	Leaf blades elliptic to somewhat obovate, tapering abruptly to the tip and broadest at or above the middle; sori usually closer to the midribs than to the margins of the pinnules or pinnule lobes	4 *Dryopteris goldiana*
5 (3)	Basal lower segment of basal pinnae 2 or 3 times longer than the basal upper segment, and longer than the adjacent basal segment; leaf blades and indusia glabrous	1 *Dryopteris carthusiana*
+	Basal lower segment of basal pinnae 1 or 2 times as long as the basal upper segment and as long as or shorter than the adjacent basal segment; leaf blades often with tiny glands on the rachis and midribs, and most notably the indusia	5 *Dryopteris intermedia*