

# Plant Propagation Lab Exercise

## Module 2

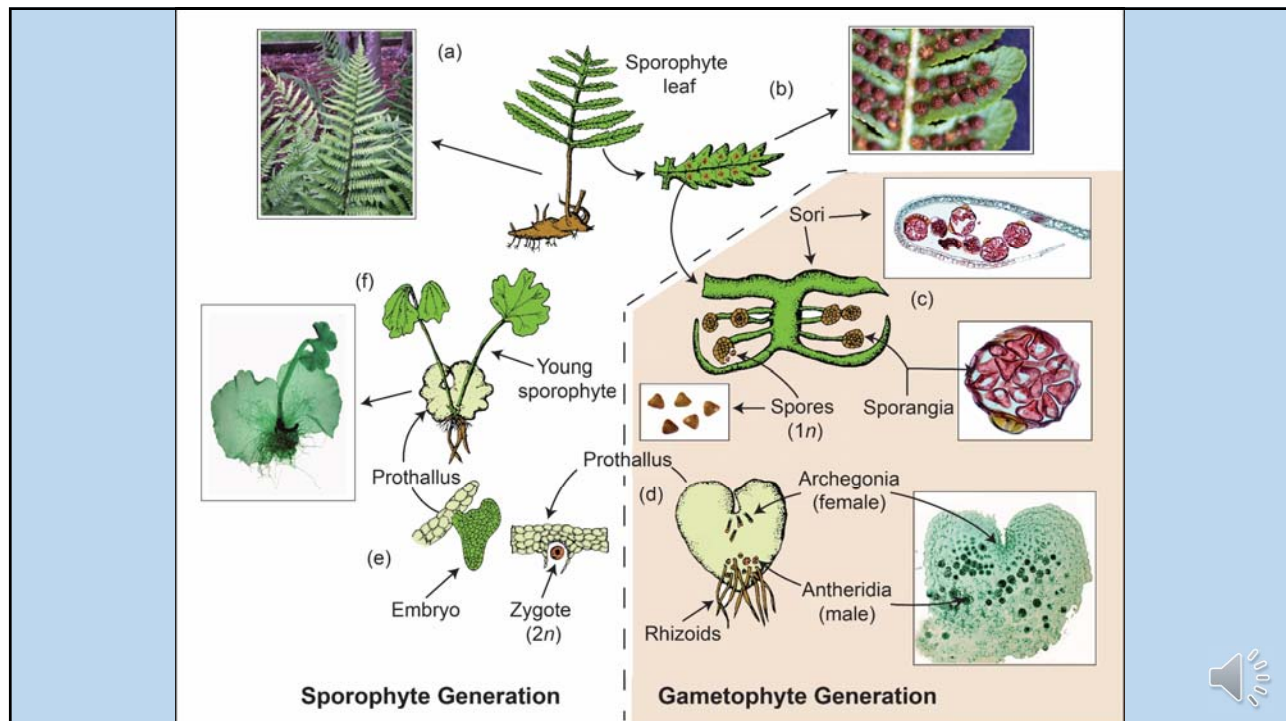


### PROPAGATION OF SPORE BEARING PLANTS FERNS

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## Lab Exercise

- Materials

- Mature fern fronds with sporangia containing ripe spores
- Clear plastic container with a tight sealing lid
- Small pot of sterilized potting mix (peat, coir, or very fine bark) and clean water
- Clean piece of paper and/or envelope

- Procedure

- Place the mature fern frond on the clean sheet of paper with the sporangia facing down – allow to dry for a few days – tap the frond a few times until you observe spores (looks like dust) on the white paper.
- Place moistened potting mix in your container and distribute spores over the surface of the potting mix.
- Place the cover on the container and place in a bright but not hot window and observe the soil surface weekly for growth of gametophytes and keep observing until you see the sporophytes develop.



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- View the following videos

- The dark art of propagating ferns from spores | Wow to | Gardening Australia
  - [https://youtu.be/Okvz09DpL\\_w](https://youtu.be/Okvz09DpL_w)
- Growing Ferns from Spore
  - <https://youtu.be/IX3HA9QQZ2s>
- growing ferns from spore
  - <https://youtu.be/4tYtz7ONMXU>

1. Prepare a short report that will compare/contrast the differences between the approaches to fern production. Are there any incorrect uses of the fern reproductive terms?
2. Provide a conclusion that summarizes the steps you determine to be the most critical for developing and implementing your own fern spore germination experience.



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