

Ctenopterella blechnoides

Family:

Polypodiaceae

Botanical name

Ctenopterella blechnoides (Grev.) Parris

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Description

Rhizome dorsiventral, producing fronds in 2 rows. Lamina 15 or more cm long, c. 21 mm wide; pinnae in 48 or more pairs; longest pinnae c. 11 mm long and 2 mm wide, apically obtuse, coriaceous; margins entire; hairs dark red-brown, simple, eglandular, abaxially on lamina in and around sori and forked hairs with dark red-brown branches abaxially on rachis and pinna midvein, both surfaces of lamina and adaxially on rachis adjacent to pinna sinuses and abaxially on pinna midvein; hairs 0.2–0.4 mm long. Sori on 32 or more pairs of pinnae.



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Distribution

One record from the Mcllwraith Range, QLD Australia. Also in Asia, Malesia and Pacific Islands.

Habit and habitat

Poorly known. Probably lithophytic in rainforest.

Natural history

This species is known from a single collection. Most records of this species in QLD refer to *Ctenopteris gordonii*.

Similar species

Ctenopterella blechnoides has branched and simple hairs on the abaxial surface of the lamina, differing from *C. gordonii* which only has simple hairs on the abaxial surface of the lamina.

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