

## *Davallia pyxidata*

**Family:**

Davalliaceae

**Botanical name**

*Davallia pyxidata* Cav.

Link to Australian Plant Name Index for publication details and synonyms:

<https://id.biodiversity.org.au/name/apni/81645>

**Common name:**

Hare's-Foot Fern

**Description**

Rhizome, thick, white, waxy, scales usually falling complete. Fronds markedly dimorphic, 10–50 cm long, 5–25 cm at widest point, coriaceous. Stipe 3–16 cm long, glabrous except at extreme base; rachis glabrous except for a few crisped hairs in axils. Sori submarginal; indusium usually c. 1 mm long, often unattached at sides near apex, flaring slightly.

**Distribution**

Endemic to E Australia from the Wet Tropics QLD to central NSW coast.

**Habit and habitat**

Epiphytic, lithophytic or occasionally terrestrial in a wide variety of vine forest and wet sclerophyll forest. A common inhabitant of *Drynaria* and *Platycerium* nests.

**Natural history**

An attractive ornamental fern that can be invasive in greenhouse situations.

**Cultivation**

Easy to cultivate in a hanging container or planted in a nest-fern in a tropical or subtropical garden or fernery.

**Similar species**

Similar to *Davallia solida* but differing in lamina shape, *Davallia pyxidata* having deciduous rhizome scales and having rhizomes that stick out from the substrate, especially when growing in other epiphytes.

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