

Lastreopsis tenera

Family:

Dryopteridaceae

Botanical name

Lastreopsis tenera (R.Br.) Tindale

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Description

Rhizome short- to medium-creeping, 10–14 mm thick, scaly towards the apex; scales 2–12 mm long, 0.3–1.5 mm wide, dark brown. Fronds moderately crowded. Stipe 20–75 cm long, rough, scaly and hairy towards the base. Lamina 4-pinnate, pentagonal, 25–70 cm long, 20–60 cm broad, pale green, dull, thin, with soft white hairs on both surfaces; rachises densely hairy and with scattered scales. Ultimate segments oblong; margins irregularly toothed; apex obtuse to acute. Sori submarginal; indusium dark brown to black, with coloured glands on the margins and surface.

Distribution

Occurs from the Mcllwraith Range to Dawes Range in QLD. Also in Malaysia.

Habit and habitat

Terrestrial in rainforest, wet sclerophyll forest and open forests over a wide altitudinal range.

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Close up of frond showing sori.

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