

Parapolystichum rufescens

Family:

Dryopteridaceae

Botanical name

Parapolystichum rufescens (Blume) Labiak, Sundue & R.C.Moran

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Description

Rhizome long-creeping, 5–15 mm thick, scaly towards the apex; scales 0.5–1 mm long, 0.2–0.4 mm wide, dark brown to black. Fronds crowded to scattered. Stipe 8–45 cm long, scaly at the base. Lamina 2–4-pinnate, broadly triangular to pentagonal, 10–30 cm long, 10–25 cm wide, dark green and dull to glossy above, paler and dull beneath, thin to coriaceous, glabrous above with appressed coloured glandular hairs beneath; rachises hairy on both surfaces. Ultimate segments oblong to lanceolate; margins crenate or with a few sharp teeth towards the broadly rounded apex. Sori medial on veinlets, exindusiate.

Distribution

Found between Carbine Tableland and Shoalwater Bay QLD. Also in Asia, Malesia and the Pacific Islands.

Habit and habitat

Terrestrial in rainforest, usually in mid-montane to high montane areas.

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