

Pteris semipinnata

Family:

Pteridaceae

Botanical name

Pteris semipinnata L.

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Description

Rhizome short, ascending, scaly. Fronds monomorphic. Stipe 20–40 cm long, dark purple, glossy. Lamina oblong, 1-pinnate, 30–40 cm long, with 5–9 pairs of pinnae, chartaceous, glabrous; basal pinnae with a broad continuous wing on the acroscopic side, incompletely 1-pinnate-pinnatifid on the basiscopic side. Ultimate segments 2–5 cm long, 5–12 mm wide; sterile margins sharply serrate; apex acute; veins free, once-forked.

Distribution

An introduced species recorded once from the Cairns to Babinda region in NE QLD.

Habit and habitat

Terrestrial in mesic rainforest.

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