

## *Schizaea malaccana*

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**Family:**

Schizaeaceae

**Botanical name**

*Schizaea malaccana* Baker

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**Description**

Rhizome short-creeping, densely clothed with pale yellow-brown hairs. Fronds clustered, erect, undivided, subterete, 6–27 cm long, 0.7–0.9 mm wide, smooth but with scattered, short thick appressed hairs; upper surface flat to shallowly grooved; lower surface rounded with 2 narrow grooves; sterile fronds absent; sporogenous heads 5–10 mm long, 1.5–3 times longer than broad, narrowly triangular; segments 3–5 mm long with scattered appressed hairs; margins with coarse hair-like teeth. Sporangia not mixed with hairs.

**Distribution**

Known in Australia from Cape York and Fraser Island in SE QLD. Also in Malesia and Pacific Islands.

**Habit and habitat**

Terrestrial in sandy soil near seepage in coastal areas.

**Cultivation**

Considered difficult to propagate and establish.

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