

Cyathea cooperi



Cyathea cooperi: Straw Tree Fern

Family: *Cyatheaceae*

Genus: *Cyathea* from the Greek *kyatheion* (a little cup) in reference to the shape of the indusia in some species.

Species: *cooperi* after D.Cooper, curator of the Botanical Society of London.

This is an erect tree fern growing up to 12m. The fronds are 2-4m long. It is a pioneer species which doesn't live long under a closed canopy.

It grows in rainforests and wet sclerophyll forests along creeks and in moist gullies.



Crozier



Long blond and short reddish scales



Clean leaf scars on trunk



Spore pattern