

Lastreopsis decomposita



Lastreopsis decomposita: Common Name

Family: *Dryopteridaceae*

Genus: *Lastreopsis* from the Greek *opsis* (resembling) and the superseded fern genus *Lastrea*.

Species: *decomposita* from the Latin *de* (concerning, with respect to), *compositus* (put together), in reference to the frond being more than once divided.

This is a terrestrial fern that slowly spreads into a colony. It is 40-100cm high and is a dull light green.

It grows in rainforests and wet eucalypt forests, in sheltered places along streams and among rocky outcrops.



Crowded stipes off the rhizome
creating a dense colony



Groove pattern in rachis



Large bowl-shaped scales under the rachis



Spore pattern

Flora of Australia Volume 48: Ferns, Gymnosperms and Allied Groups,
Australian Ferns: Growing them Successfully by Calder Chaffey,
A Field Guide to Australian Ferns: Volume 1 by Calder Chaffey.

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