

Blechnum indicum



Blechnum indicum: Swamp Water Fern

Family: *Blechnaceae*

Genus: *Blechnum* from the Greek *blechnon* (a fern)

Species: *indicum* (Indian)

This is a terrestrial fern with a height of up to 90cm and forming dense colonies. It grows in moist swampy places in exposed sites. The rhizome may climb vertically out of a swamp and up paperbark ti-trees. The roasted rhizomes were eaten by the Aborigines. Around Moreton Bay they called it Bungwall.



Note the scales on the back of the pinna



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.