

Lastreopsis microsora



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Family: *Dryopteridaceae*

Genus: *Lastreopsis* from the Greek *opsis* (resembling) and the superseded fern genus *Lastrea*.

Species: *microsora* from the Greek *micro* (small), *sorus* in reference to the sori.

This terrestrial fern spreads widely. It has soft, bright green, hairy fronds and grows from 30-100cm. in height.

It is found in rainforests and eucalypt forests, near creeks and on the gently-sloping sides of gullies.



Groove in rachis



Long creeping rhizome allows the colony to spread widely



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.