

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Genus: *Lastreopsis* from the Greek *opsis* (resembling) and the superseded fern genus *Lastrea*.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