

Pyrrosia rupestris



Pyrrosia rupestris: Rock Felt Fern

Family: *Polypodiaceae*

Genus: *Pyrrosia* from the Greek *pyrros* (flame-coloured) in reference to the reddish-yellow colour of the fronds in some overseas species, due to the stellate hairs.

Species: *rupestris* from the Latin *rupestris* (rockloving) in reference to its preferred habitat.

This is an epiphytic or lithophytic fern that spreads into a mat. The sterile and fertile fronds are very different with the sterile frond being 0.4-4cm long and fertile frond being 1-11cm long.

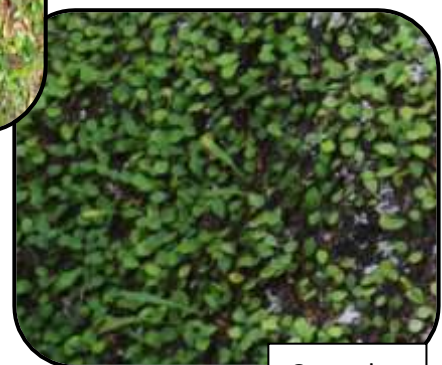
It grows on trees and boulders in rainforest and open forest.



Spore pattern



On trees



On rocks



Rhizome scale with entire margin and tapering to a hair-like apex