

# *Pyrrrosia confluens*

***Pyrrrosia confluens***: Robber fern

Family: *Polypodiaceae*

Genus: *Pyrrrosia* 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: *confluens* from the Latin *confluens* (running together, blending) in reference to the sori.

This epiphytic or lithophytic fern forms dense spreading colonies. Each leaflet is 3-25cm long and is thick, leathery and fleshy. It is mostly found on tree trunks and logs in rainforest and wet sclerophyll forest.



Spore pattern



On tree trunks



On rocks



Rhizome scales are appressed and fringed with hairs

*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.