

Davallia pyxidata



Davallia pyxidata: Hare's Foot Fern

Family: *Davalliaceae*

Genus: *Davallia* after E. Davall, a Swiss botanist.

Species: *pyxidata* from the Latin *pyxidatus* (endowed with a lid) in reference to the shape of the indusium.

This fern can be epiphytic, lithophytic or terrestrial. The fronds grow to 100cm and are deciduous. The fern often grows in association with other epiphytes e.g. amid the nest leaves of staghorns.



Hare's foot-like tip of rhizome

Fertile frond



Photo: P Bostock

Sori in a tube at the end of the pinna

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