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Family: *Blechnaceae*

Genus: *Blechnum* from the Greek *blechnon* (a fern).

Species: *camfieldii* after J.H.Camfield, overseer of the Palace Gardens and inner Domain, Sydney

This fern grows to 150cm, eventually developing a short trunk. The fertile frond is longer and much narrower than the sterile frond.

This fern grows in low-lying swampy land, usually in coastal habitats.



Note the basal pinnae are gradually reduced and more widely separated

Note the dark stipe

Sterile frond



Photo: G.Miller

Fertile frond – long with narrow pinnae



A spreading clump



Pink to bronze coloured new foliage

Distinguish from *B. watsii*: *Blechnum watsii* has no trunk, is creeping (*Blechnum camfieldii* is clumping) and is smaller than *Blechnum camfieldii*.

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