

# *Doodia caudata*



Sterile frond



Fertile frond

Note the long tail and leaflets broadly attached in the top third of the lamina.

***Doodia caudata***: Small rasp fern

Family: *Blechnaceae*

Genus: *Doodia* named after Samuel Doody an apothecary of London.

Species: *caudata* from the Latin *caudatus* (with a tail) in reference to the drawn-out terminal lobe.

This is a terrestrial fern growing to about 20cm. The leaflets are leathery and dull with serrated edges. It grows in tropical and subtropical rainforest and in sclerophyll forest often on creek banks.



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.