

Arthropteris tenella



Arthropteris tenella: Climbing fishbone fern

Family: *Davalliaceae*

Genus: *Arthropteris* from the Greek *arthron* (a joint), *pterus* (a fern), in reference to the joint at the connection of the pinnae to the rachis.

Species: *tenella* from the Latin *tenellus* (delicate).

This is an epiphytic, terrestrial, or climbing fern with a slender rhizome densely clothed with brown scales and a few reddish-brown hairs. Fronds are 15-70cm long. It grows in rainforests.



Spore pattern



Rhizome scales

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.

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