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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: *beckleri* after Dr H.Beckler, botanical and medical officer with the Burke and Wills exploration party.

This is an epiphytic, terrestrial, or climbing fern with a slender rhizome densely clothed with brown scales and hairs. Fronds are 3-20cm long. It grows in rainforests in wet and humid places, forming thick mats on rocks and trees.



Scales on rhizome and long hairs on lower surface of rachis



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.

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