

Adiantum hispidulum



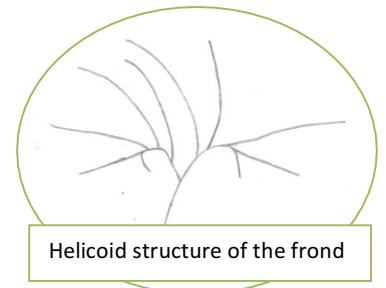
Adiantum hispidulum: Rough Maidenhair.

Family: *Adiantaceae*

Genus: *Adiantum* from the Greek *adianos* (dry or non-wettable), referring to the water-shedding nature of the lamina.

Species: from Latin *hispidus* 'stiff, bristle-like', *ulus*, diminutive, adjectival base, in reference to the minute bristles on the stipe which cause it to feel rough.

This is a clumping fern with fronds up to 45 cm in height. Laminae are divided, the rachises being forked several times in the same direction, resulting in a hand shaped lamina. The fronds are stiff and coarse. A feature of this fern is the bright pink to red young fronds when grown in sunlight.



Helicoid structure of the frond

It grows in open forests, among rocks, on dry earth banks and drier parts of rainforests, usually in light shade.



Spore pattern



Pink new growth



Rough stem

Flora of Australia Volume 48: Ferns, Gymnosperms and Allied Groups,
Australian Ferns: Growing them Successfully by Calder Chaffey,
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