

Lastreopsis marginans



Lastreopsis marginans: Glossy Shield Fern

Family: *Dryopteridaceae*

Genus: *Lastreopsis* from the Greek *opsis* (resembling) and the superseded fern genus *Lastrea*.

Species: *marginans* from the Latin *marginare* (to enclose, to border, to fix on the edge), in reference to the marginal position of the spore.

This is a very glossy dark green, terrestrial fern that spreads locally and grows to a height of 30-60 cms.

It is found in darker areas of rainforest up to high altitudes.



Rachis groove



Marginal 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.