

Lastreopsis munita



Lastreopsis munita: Naked Shield Fern

Family: *Dryopteridaceae*

Genus: *Lastreopsis* from the Greek *opsis* (resembling) and the superseded fern genus *Lastrea*.

Species: *munita* from the Latin *munitus* (provided with, fortified or protected by), in reference to the sharply toothed pinnae margins.

This dark green and glossy terrestrial fern grows in height to 20-80cm and spreads slowly.

It is found in rainforests and wet sclerophyll forests near creeks.



Rachis groove.

Note the toothed edges on the leaflets.



Spore pattern with no indusium.

Note the hairs on the main vein

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