

## *Pteris tremula*

(Pteridaceae)

- Common name:** Tender bracken.
- Localities:** Widespread in suitable habitats.
- Growth form:** A fern, with a more or less erect, scaly rhizome.
- Foliage:** Fronds are 60-100 cm tall, and are 2-4 pinnate. The petiole is light brown, mostly 30-60 cm long.
- Flowers and fruit:** Nil.
- Habitat:** A terrestrial species, occurring naturally in rainforest and wetter classes of eucalypt forest.
- Propagation and Management:** Propagated by sections of rhizome, or by spores, which should be germinated in a moist atmosphere. A hardy species.
- General:** Common bracken (*P. esculentum*) is also common in our district, generally in moist, disturbed areas. Common bracken is toxic to livestock, but Aborigines used to make a sort of bread from the rhizomes.

