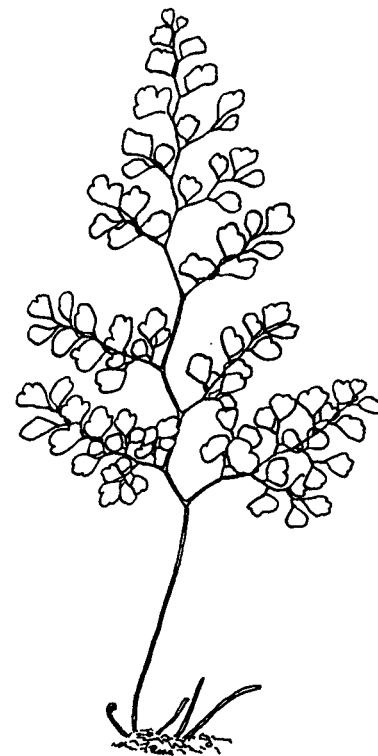


Adiantum aethiopicum

(Adiantaceae)

- Common name:** Common maidenhair fern.
- Localities:** Brookfield, Kholo Creek and Upper Brookfield; widespread in appropriate habitats.
- Growth form:** A herbaceous fern with an underground rhizome.
- Foliage:** Has delicate fronds to 60 cm tall.
- Flowers and fruit:** Nil.
- Habitat:** Damp situations in dry rainforest and in rocky crevices in eucalypt forest.
- Propagation and Management:** May be propagated from lengths of rhizome or from spores germinated in a moist atmosphere. Common maidenhair is easy to grow and prefers well-aerated soils with a high organic matter and adequate moisture.
- General:** Two other species of maidenhair fern are native to the district. These are *A. formosum* (giant maidenhair fern) and *A. hispidulum* (rough maidenhair fern). All three are appropriate groundcover species for rainforest plantings.



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