

***Adiantum hispidulum***  
(Adiantaceae)

- Common name:** Rough maidenhair fern.
- Localities:** Rafting Ground, widespread.
- Growth form:** A fern with leaves tufted, from an erect or shortly creeping rhizome.
- Foliage:** Fronds up to 60 cm tall, irregularly branched, the branches bearing pinnules up to 15 mm long. The petiole is almost black in colour and often as long or longer than the lamina. Young fronds are an attractive red in colour.
- Flowers and fruit:** Nil.
- Habitat:** In rainforest and eucalypt forest, often among rocks.
- Propagation and Management:** Propagated from pieces of rhizome, or from spores germinated in a moist atmosphere. In our area, frequently spreads naturally, plants appearing between rocks in rock walls. A hardy species.
- General:** This is a common, but very variable species. It is a useful species for rainforest underplantings and for rockeries. It is often to be found occurring naturally in shaded gardens.

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