

Asplenium australasicum
(Aspleniaceae)

- Common name:** Birdsnest fern.
- Localities:** Kholo Creek and other sheltered, humid situations in the district.
- Growth form:** A large fern, mostly epiphytic, with leaves formed in a rosette.
- Foliage:** Leaves are spreading and are long and strap like, up to 1 m long and 20 cm wide, with wavy margins.
- Flowers and fruit:** Nil
- Habitat:** Damp and shady places in dry and subtropical rainforest, mostly on trees, but also often amongst rocks.
- Propagation and Management:** May be propagated from spores germinated in a moist atmosphere.
- General:** A widely grown and very striking fern. The terrestrial *A. attenuatum* (walking fern) also grows in our district. It is a less robust species with more-or-less lobed fronds to 35 cm long.

