

Doodia aspera

(Blechnaceae)

- Common name:** Prickly rasp fern.
- Localities:** Kholo Creek, Upper Brookfield, and widespread in the district, in suitable habitats.
- Growth form:** A terrestrial fern with crowded fronds to 0.4 m tall from an erect rhizome, and long stolons, forming spreading patches.
- Foliage:** Fronds are 1-pinnate and bright pink when young. They have margins which are minutely toothed and are very rough to the touch. Basal pinnae are very short and triangular.
- Flowers and fruit:** Nil.
- Habitat:** Dry rainforest and open eucalypt forest.
- Propagation and Management:** Most readily propagated by division of existing clumps. Prickly rasp fern is very hardy in cultivation, tolerating shade to almost full sun, but requiring good drainage. It benefits from summer moisture.
- General:** An ideal groundcover plant.

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