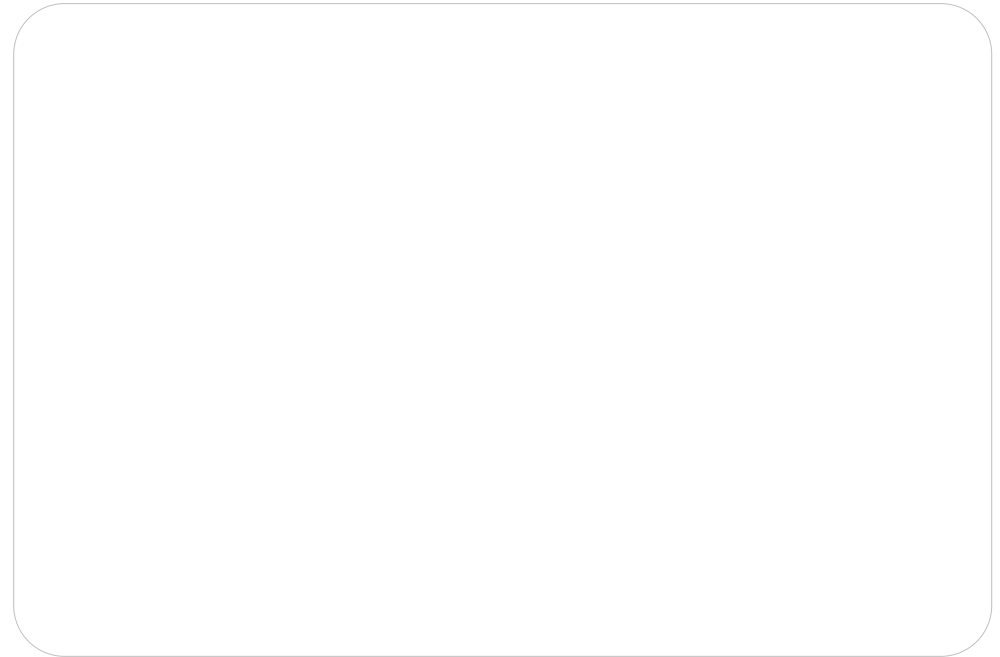
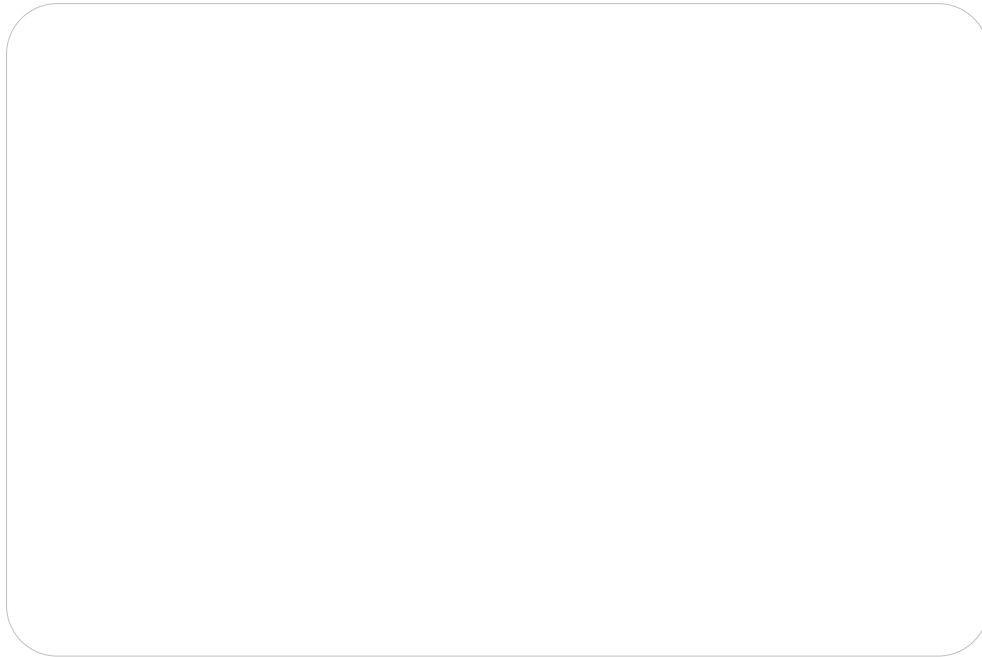


Broad Buckler-fern - *Dryopteris dilatata*



Description

Broad buckler-fern grows in tufts of broad, triangular fronds up to 120cm long in good conditions. The species can be difficult to distinguish from other buckler-ferns. The key identifying features are the longest pinnule is at the base of the frond (forming the triangular shape), and there is a dark stripe in the centre of the scales that hang from the stem.

The fern is common the acid soils of W9-11 and 16-17 woodland, also heaths, bogs and on cliffs.

Soil regimes

<i>Soil reaction (R)</i>	4
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<i>Nitrogen availability (N)</i>	5
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