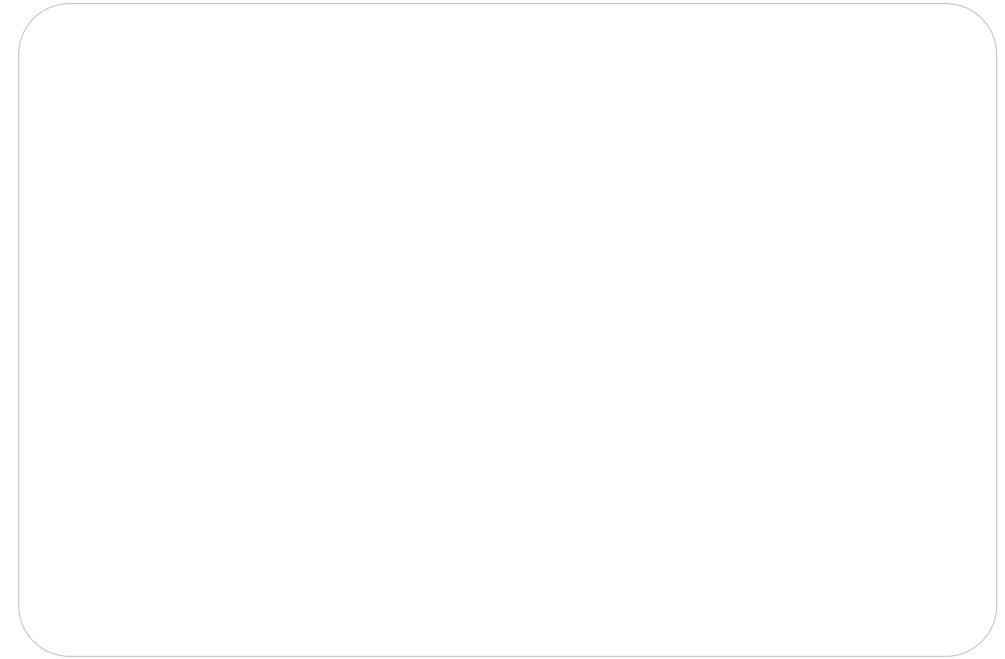


Scaly Male-fern - *Dryopteris affinis*



Description

Scaly male-fern grows in tufts of slightly stiff fronds 60-120cm in length. The species is distinguished from other ferns by the blunt edged pinnules upon the frond. In addition to this there is a dense covering of scales on the stem that are golden to rusty brown in colour.

The fern grows in moist, rich, neutral to slightly acidic soils in woodland communities W9-11 and 16-17, though can also be found on open hillsides.

Soil regimes

Soil reaction (R)	5
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Nitrogen availability (N)	5
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