

# *Dryopteris filix-mas* - Male Fern



## Plant description

Male fern is a tall tufted fern with fronds tending to grow in an upright form. The fronds grow can grow up to 140cm in length in good conditions, though are usually less. The species can be distinguished from other tufted ferns by edges of the fronds (the pinnule), which taper to a blunt, slightly toothed tip. Additionally, the scales of the stem are pale or grey-brown.

## What does this tell me about my woodland?

**pH** – Mildly acidic to neutral

**Occurs in NVC Communities** – W9, W10, W11, W16, W17