

Asplenium x lucrosum

COMMON NAME

hen & chicken fern

FAMILY

Aspleniaceae

AUTHORITY

Asplenium x lucrosum Perrie et Brownsey

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Ferns

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

LIFE CYCLE

A sterile hybrid. Asexual spread from bulbils on fronds. Dispersed by water and accidental and deliberate plantings of whole plants and/or fronds bearing bulbils.

ORIGIN

A sterile hybrid *A. bulbiferum* × *A. dimorphum* which is commonly cultivated throughout the world as *A. bulbiferum*.

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Horticultural

ETYMOLOGY

asplenium: From the Greek a- 'without' and splene 'spleen', a northern hemisphere species, the black spleenwort (*Asplenium adiantum-nigrum*), was once believed to be a cure for diseases of the spleen.

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/asplenium-lucrosum/>



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