

Parapolystichum microsorum

SYNONYMS

Nephrodium decompositum var. *pubescens* Hook.f.; *Lastrea decomposita* sensu J.B.Armstr.; *Nephrodium decompositum* sensu F.Muell.; *Ctenitis decomposita* sensu Dobbie; *Dryopteris decomposita* sensu Cheeseman,

FAMILY

Dryopteridaceae

AUTHORITY

Parapolystichum microsorum (Endl.) Labiak, Sundue & R.C.Moran

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Ferns

NVS CODE

LASMSP

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 164

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2017 | Not Threatened

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

FLOWER COLOURS

No flowers

ETYMOLOGY

microsorum: Variant of *microsorium*, meaning small sori (spores on the underside of fern fronds)

TAXONOMIC NOTES

In 2015 *Lastreopsis microsora* subsp. *pentangularis* was transferred to *Parapolystichum*, as *P. microsorum* subsp. *pentagulare* Labiak et al. (2015). Recently, Brownsey & Perrie (2021) noted that the type of the basionym for *Parapolystichum microsorum* subsp. *pentagulare*, *Nephrodium pentangulare* Colenso is conspecific with the earlier named *Lastreopsis velutina* (A.Rich.) Tindale (basionym *Aspidium velutina* A.Rich.). As such the New Zealand plant is now referred to *Parapolystichum microsorum*.

REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

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