

POLYPODIACEAE – POLYPODY FERN FAMILY

Plant: fern, perennial, terrestrial

Root:

Stem and Leaves: stems long, branching or not, with scales; leaves monomorphis to dimorphic, simple to pinnatifid to pinnate to more complexely divided

Fruit (Sori): sori on veins on the undersides or margins of fertile leaves, some have indusia but others not

Other:

Genera: 40+ genera, species ?

* Fern terminology is discussed in **PLANT TERMS**, a separate tab on the HOME page.

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Polypodiaceae (Polypody Fern Family)

Heber Springs, Cleburne County, Arkansas

Notes: epiphytic on trees (oaks, elms, magnolias mostly, and others plus other structures (rocks, posts, etc.); stipe branched; stipe and rachis densely scaly with gray scales; leaves up to 25-30 cm, glabrous above, densely scaly below (peltate and ovate scales dark brown in center with silvery to grey borders), pinnatifid; Sori round, separated or solitary, without indusia, structures deeply embossed on upper surface of leaflet; summer to fall

[V Max Brown, 2012]



Rhizomes on rock surface

