

## *Abrodictyum caudatum*

**Family:**

Hymenophyllaceae

**Botanical name**

*Abrodictyum caudatum* (Brack.) Ebihara & K.Iwats.

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**Description**

Epiphytic. Rhizome long-creeping, 1–1.5 mm diam., densely clothed with spreading bristle-like dark red-brown multicellular hairs. Fronds 7.5–20 cm long, scattered along the rhizome but crowded towards its apex. Stipes 1.5–7 cm long with 2 faint longitudinal ridges. Lamina deeply 3–4-pinnatifid, narrowly ovate to narrowly oblong, 5–16 cm long, 1–4 (–7) cm wide, membranous, pale to medium green (often brown when dry); apex erect or deflexed, often long and narrow; ultimate segments mostly linear, 1–5 mm long, 0.2–0.5 mm wide, glabrous or with a few scattered hairs. Sori immersed in the apices of basal segments of secondary pinnae; involucre 0.5–1 mm long, 0.5–0.8 mm wide at the apex, usually narrowly winged, ±triangular, often rounded at the base; mouth entire or almost so, not or slightly spreading; receptacle exserted.



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**Distribution**

Atherton Tablelands NE QLD to SE NSW.

**Habit and habitat**

Epiphytic from *Alsophila* and *Sphaeropteris* (previously *Cyathea*) and *Dicksonia* tree-ferns in mesic mid to upper montane vine forest.

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