



Adiantum fulvum

Common Name(s):

Maidenhair

Current Threat Status (2012):

Not Threatened

Distribution:

Endemic. New Zealand: North, South, and Chatham Islands. From Te Pahi south to the Taranaki and Hawkes Bay thence rather local reaching a southern limit on Banks Peninsula.

Habitat:

Coastal to lower montane in closed forest on clay banks, amongst boulders, along stream sides and in moderately open sites on the forest floor

Features*:

Tufted, terrestrial fern. Rhizomes short-creeping, c.1.5-2.0 mm diameter. Fronds spreading, dark green, concolorous, to 500 mm long. Stipe to 150 mm long, clad in short setose hairs. Lamina 150-350 × 100-250 mm, ovate to broadly ovate, 2-3-pinnate at base and 1-pinnate above; rachises flexuous, glossy, covered in short setose hairs. Pinnules attached by a short stalk on one corner, oblong to oblong falcate, curved acroscopically at apices, distal margins irregularly lobed, proximal margins smooth, adaxially glabrous, abaxially covered in sparse to dense short, setose hairs. Sori 1-7(-10) along distal margins, one per lobe; soral flaps subreniform to reniform, glabrous, ± immersed in the lobe.

Flowering:

Not applicable - spore producing

Fruiting:

Not applicable - spore producing

Threats:

Not Threatened but often rather uncommon over large parts of its range

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