PLANT FACT SHEET

Thelypteris sogerensis (A. Gepp.) C. F. Reed

GENUS *Thelypteris* **FAMILY** Thelypteridaceae

COMMON NAMES Giant Creek Fern

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Fronds

DESCRIPTION

A fern which grows on dry land. It forms large clumps. The rootstock forms a short slender trunk. The fronds are 50-200 cm long by 40-60 cm across. They are dark green and soft or fleshy. The side leaflets (pinnae) spread at right angles and are 20-30 cm long by 2.5-3 cm wide. The lowest 5 or 6 pairs occur as small lobes.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It occurs in Indonesia, Papua New Guinea and the Solomons as well as Australia. It grows near streams and on gentle slopes. It is in rainforests often at medium to high altitudes above sea level. It can grow in temperate regions. It does best in a sheltered position where there is adequate moisture and a well drained soil. It grows better if kept well watered and improves when fertilisers are applied. It suits the wet tropics.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It is grown from spores.

NOTES

There are about 76 Pneumatopteris species.

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