

12. Silver fern/ponga

Cyathea Dealbata

A tree fern usually found in dry or open areas. Only this tree fern has the silver underside of the leaves.

Fronds

Lobed fronds. A silver colour appears underneath leaves when tree is 3-4 years old.



Mature silver fern.
Photo: Phil Bendle



Bark

Dark brown spiky trunk with big sticks (frond bases) coming out from trunk.



Spores

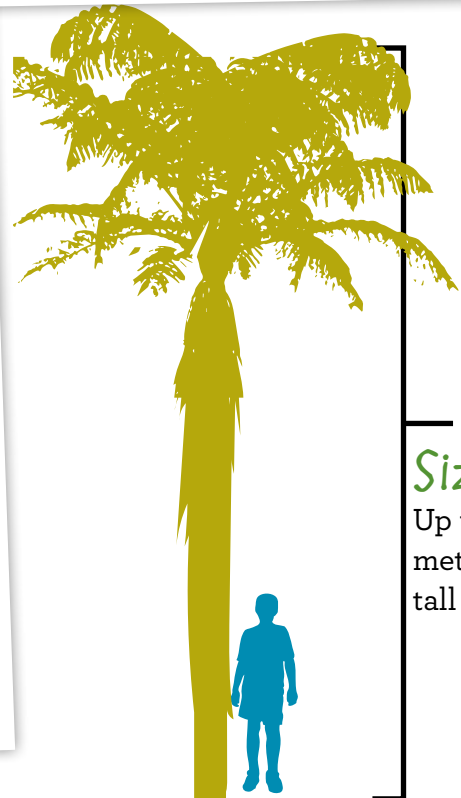
Spores are contained in brown round capsules under leaves.



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Juvenile silver fern.
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Size

Up to 10 metres tall

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