

Blechnum occidentale

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Syn: *B. glandulosum*

Family: Blechnaceae

Description: Fern plants with pinnate fronds, dark green, smooth, 18 inches long by 6 inches wide, up to 30 leaflets (pinnae). Spore bodies in two lines on either side of midrib on underside of leaflet, except at base and tip, which merge into a single band⁽⁵⁹⁾. *Blechnum* Greek name for a fern⁽¹⁹⁾, *occidentale*, of the west⁽⁶⁹⁾.

Distribution: From tropical America; an escaped ornamental that infests shady forest floors.

Environmental impact: Displaces low-growing plants on forest floor.



Management: Probably susceptible to dicamba and glyphosate.