

# *Thelypteris dentata* (Forssk.) E.St. John

Terrestrials. These ferns can be found in various habitats, including woodlands, forests, and along streams or damp areas. They prefer moist, shaded environments. Rhizome 10-12 x 2 cm, creeping. Scales 8-14 x 1-2 mm, dark brown, lanceolate, acuminate, entire, hairy. Fronds 60-130 x 26-30 cm, simply pinnate; stipe 45-50 cm long, glabrous, polished, grooved; lamina oblong-lanceolate in outline, rachis grooved, pubescent; pinnae 12-14 x 1.5-2 cm, oblong-lanceolate, acuminate, lobed half way to costa or serrate; lobes 6 x 3 mm, ovate, obtuse, subfalcate, pinnae cuneate at base; costa grooved above, hispid, raised below, glabrous, veins pinnate, free, except basal pairs uniting to form an excurrent vein at the base of sinus, not reaching the margin. Sori 2 mm in diameter, dark brownish, indusia dark brown, hairy reniform. Sporangial capsule 187.5 x 187.5  $\mu\text{m}$  globose.



**Native to**  
Tropical & Subtropical Old World to Pacific.



**Geo. Distribution**  
Kerala (in all districts), Through out the tropics and sub tropics of the world

