

Osmunda hugeliana C.Presl

An undershrub, Rhizome is erect or sub- erect, massive scales absent; stipes tufted, numerous, Rufous brown, glabrous, glossy. Lamina Lanceolate, bipinnate, bearing sporangia; sterile pinnae upto seven pairs, alternate or sub- opposite, shortly stalked; pinnules upto eight pairs, alternate, sessile or shortly stalked; pinnae pale green to Rufous brown glabrous; texture subcoriaceous, stiff; fertile pinnules compressed, panicked forming cylindrical, bearing large spherical sporangia all over the branches; spores, globose. Reproductive structure is called tassels.

Fronds are used as medicines by tribal people in South India



IUCN Status
Least concern



Native to
Southern and Central India



Geo. Distribution
Southern and Central India (Endemic)

