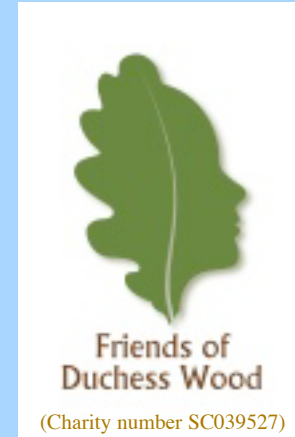


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Bracken  
Hard – fern  
Hart’s - tongue  
Hybrid Polypody  
Intermediate Polypody  
Male – fern  
Scaly Male – fern

**Scientific Name**

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*Blechnum spicant*  
*Phyllitis scolopendrium*  
*Polypodium x mantoniae*  
*Polypodium interjectum*  
*Dryopteris filix – mas*  
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If you are able to help us by correcting amending or adding to the list of ferns, or by suggesting ways of improving it, please contact Sandy Kerr on 01436-675421 or write to him at 119 West Princes Street, Helensburgh G84 8EX .

The list is based on extensive survey of the wood by Alison Rutherford for the New Atlas of the British and Irish Flora. Both the common and scientific names used in the list are derived from the New Atlas of the British and Irish Flora by Preston, C. D., Pearman, D. A. and Dines, T. D. published by the Oxford University Press in 2002.

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