

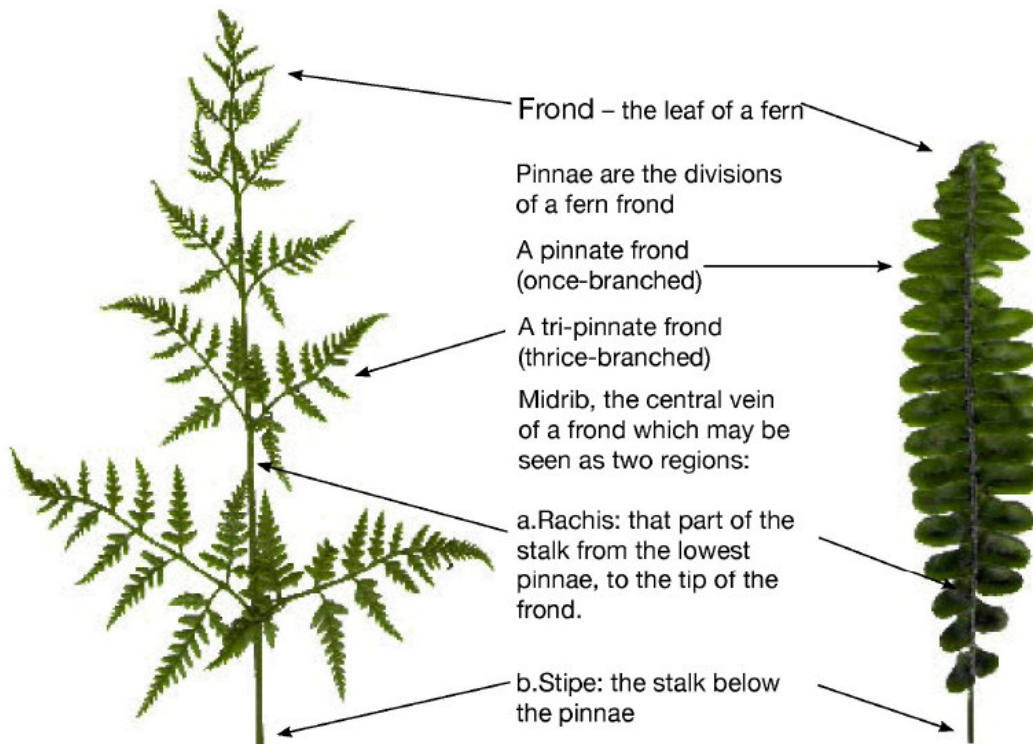
2. Botanical terms and fern structure

2.1. Classification

Ferns are an ancient group of the Plant Kingdom, in the Division Pteridophyta. For further classification information visit Landcare's website.

2.2. Fern structure

Below are two different fern species, labelled to show appropriate terminology.



The reproductive structures of ferns may be seen as a whole fertile frond, or seen in distinctive clusters, called sori, on the undersides of the fronds. Below, the magnified portions of two very different species show distinct arrangements of sori.

