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*Asplenium adiantum-nigrum*

[Synonyms : *Asplenium adianthum-nigrum*, *Asplenium andrewsii*, *Asplenium chihuahense*, *Asplenium dubiosum*]

**BLACK SPLEENWORT** is an evergreen fern. Found in northern temperate areas it has wedge-shaped, glossy yellowish to dark green fronds.

It is also known as *Asplénio adianto nero* (Italian), *Asplénium noir* (French), Black maidenhair, *Capillaihe* (Channel Islander-Jersey Norman-French), Fern, *Glansbraken* (Swedish), *Petit capillaire* (Channel Islander-Guernsey), *Schwarzstieliger treifenfarn* (German), *Slezinik čierny* (Slovak), *Slezinik netíkovitý* (Czech), and *Slezník černý* (Czech).

*Adiantum-nigrum* means ‘black maidenhair’. *Adiantum* is made up of Greek *a-* (without) and *diantos* (dry, unwetted) components and is the genus name for plants known as ‘maidenhair ferns’. *Nigrum* is Latin (black).

A decoction of the plant has been used both as a hair wash and medicinally to ease coughs.