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Asplenium ruta-muraria

[Synonyms : *Acrostichum ruta-muraria*, *Amesium ruta-muraria*, *Asplenium cryptolepis*, *Asplenium cryptolepis* var. *ohionis*, *Asplenium ruta-muraria* var. *cryptolepis*, *Asplenium ruta-muraria* var. *ohionis*, *Asplenium ruta-muraria* var. *subtenuifolium*, *Chamaefilix ruta-muraria*]

WALL-RUE is an evergreen fern. Native to Europe (including Britain) and to Asia, it has small delicate, pale green fronds.

It is also known as *Asplénio ruta di muro* (Italian), *Asplénium rue-de-muraille* (French), Fern, *Mauerraute* (German), *Mauer-Streifenfarn* (German), *Muroruto* (Esperanto), *Murrude* (Danish), *Murruta* (Swedish), *Seinäraunioinen* (Finnish), *Sleziník routička* (Czech), *Sleziník rutovity'* (Slovak), Tentwort, Wall rue spleenwort, Wall spleenwort, and White maidenhair.

Ruta-muraria means 'rue of the wall'.

Medicinally, herbalists in the past not only used wall-rue to prevent baldness but also recommended a decoction of the plant for treating rickets, coughs, jaundice and kidney disorders. In North America it was used locally to treat venereal diseases too.