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*Asplenium septentrionale*

[Synonyms : *Acrostichum septentrionale*, *Amesium sasaki*, *Amesium septentrionale*]

**FORKED SPLEENWORT** is an evergreen fern. Native to Europe (including Britain) it has almost strap-shaped, green fronds.

It is also known as *Asplénio settentrionale* (Italian), *Asplénium septentrional* (French), *Gaffelbräken* (Swedish), Grass fern, *Hällespring* (Swedish), *Nördlicher Streifenfarn* (German), *Sleziník severní* (Czech), and *Sleziník severný* (Slovak).

This plant is protected in Ireland in the wild under the Flora Protection Order 1987.

*Septentrionale* is derived from *Septentriones* (the seven stars of the Plough) and means 'northern'.