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*Polystichum lonchitis*

[Synonyms : *Aspidium lonchitis*, *Dryopteris lonchitis*, *Polypodium lonchitis*, *Polystichum mohrioides* var. *lemmonii*]

**NORTHERN HOLLY FERN** is an evergreen fern. Native to Europe and North America it has narrowly strap-shaped, stiff glossy dark green fronds.

It is also known as Holly fern, *Kapradina hrálovitá* (Czech), Narrow holly fern, *Paprad'ovec kopijovitý* (Slovak), *Polystic en lance* (French), *Scharfer Schildfarn* (German), *Suippohärkylä* (Finnish), and *Taggbräken* (Swedish).

It is a protected species in Northern Ireland under the Wildlife (Northern Ireland) Order 1985. It has also been declared an endangered species in the state of New York in the United States.

*Lonchitis* is derived from Greek *loncho-* (lance, spear) component meaning 'spear-shaped'.