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Pteris cretica

[Synonyms : *Pteris laeta*, *Pteris lomarioides*, *Pteris nervosa*, *Pteris pentaphylla*, *Pteris serraria*, *Pteris treacheriana*, *Pteris trifoliata*, *Pteris triphylla*, *Pycnodoria cretica*]

RIBBON FERN is an evergreen fern. Native to tropical and warm regions of Africa, Asia and Europe it has long arching fronds.

It is also known as Cretan brake, Cretan fern, *Křídelnica krétska* (Slovak), *Křídelnice krétská* (Czech), *Ptérís de Crète* (French), *Saumfarn* (German), and Table fern.

The sterile fronds are shorter than the erect fertile fronds.

For some parts of the Pacific Islands ribbon fern is tending to be viewed as an invasive species.

This is a parent of many ornamental varieties.

Cretica means ‘of or from Crete’.

Ribbon fern is a common pot plant in the West.