

Fern Leaf Tree

**Common name:** Fern Leaf Tree

**Botanical name:** *Filicium decipiens*

**Family:** Sapotaceae; **Name in Tamil:** ?



**Field identification:** Mid-sized evergreen tree with rusty grey bark which becomes scaly and cracked with age. Leaves feather compound with 6-8 pairs of fern like leaflets; conspicuous leafy wing runs down length of main leaf stalk. Fruit smooth, olive-like, purple when ripe.

**Location on campus:** 442, Loop Road

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