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Nephrolepis exaltata

Impacts

- Spreads quickly and aggressively
 - o Produces spores which are wind blown
 - o Sends out runners
 - o Each plant can divide and grows like bulbs do
- Produces small tubers underground and can resprout rapidly if torn
- Grows in amongst endemic ferns
- It is used in flower arrangements
- Competes and squeezes out the native ferns



Showing tubers produced underground
Photo: Andrew Darlow



Pheasant Tail Fern on roadside.
Picture Andrew Darlow



Showing pheasant tail fern
making its way up a tree
Photo: Andrew Darlow

Actions

- Roadbanks can be sprayed off
- On the Peaks it is very time-consuming and costly to control. Damage is done to the native ferns when physically removing it
- Use alternative plants for flower arrangements, for example spore