



Dryopteris
(Aspidium)

Fern Plant With Sporophyll (Aspidium)

1. The plant body can be distinguished in root, stem and leaves.
2. The roots are adventitious, stem is short and underground called rhizome.
3. The leaves are compound and bi-pinnate
4. The rachis is long and cylindrical
5. The leaflet possess Sori in their ventral side hence they are called sporophyll
6. The sori are arranged on both sides of midrib
7. Sori possess large number of sporangia and are protected by indusium