

Ferns of Africa

KEY TO THE TAXA OF THE GENUS ACTINIOPTERIS

1.a. Fronds strongly dimorphic, differing in shape, degree of lamina dissection, size and stipe length	<i>A. dimorpha</i>
1.b. Fronds weakly dimorphic. Fertile and sterile fronds ± same shape and degree of lamina dissection, though they can differ in size and stipe length	2
2.a. Lamina divided into 20-60 linear segments. Segments of the fertile frond closely spaced, radiate, with 2-6 teeth near the apex	<i>A. radiata</i>
2.b. Lamina divided into (4-)8-16 (-25) linear segments. Segments of the fertile frond lax to closely spaced, usually with single tooth near the apex	3
3.a. Rhizome scales of 2 kinds: uniformly pale brown and black with pale margins. Segments of the fertile frond 10-25.	<i>A. semiflabellate</i>
3.b. Rhizome scales of 1 kind: black with or without pale margins. Segments of the fertile frond 4-8	<i>A. pauciloba</i>

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