

A naturalised colony of *Pteris regia*
in Sussex.

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Pteris regia - an established self-propogating colony in Sussex.

During a visit to Sussex in 1956 a colony of *Pteris regia* was seen to occupy a considerable stretch of a stone wall. Apparently originally an escape, it had established itself as a self-propogating colony, and all stages of development were seen from prothalli to adult sporophytes.

The colony was associated to and intermingled with plants of *Phyllitis* and *Asplenium trichomanes*, although no unusual forms - other than an occasional slightly bifid *Phyllitis* frond-tip - were seen. The colony is well-established and no doubt will become a permanent feature.

The wall on which these plants were seen in in a private holding, and future access will be easy to obtain.

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Pteris regia growing wild with *Phyllitis scolopendrium* and *Asplenium trichomanes*.

