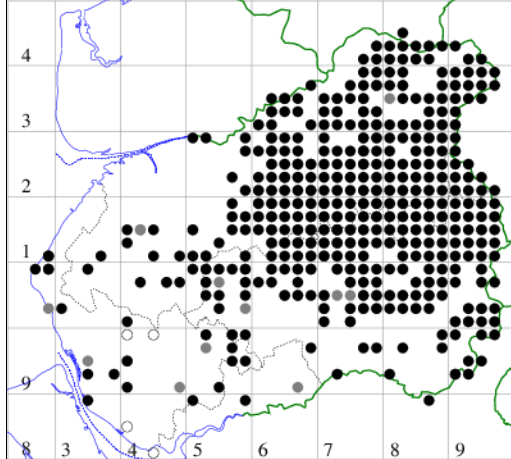


**The South Lancashire Flora**  
**(Vascular Plants Family 018 Blechnaceae)**

**LEPTOSPORANGIATE FERNS**      **TRUE FERNS**

**BLECHNACEAE**                      **Hard-fern family**

*Blechnum spicant* (L.) Roth                      **Hard-fern**



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**Status & distribution:** Native, Least Concern (Red List for England); a common species in the hill districts, less frequent at lower altitudes and absent from the lowland clay districts to the west of Preston.

**Habitat:** Steep banks and outcrops in upland cloughs, moorland banks, acid grassland and heaths, woodlands on acid soils and railway cuttings.

**Comments:** Plants do sometimes colonise artificial habitats such as the wooded banks of the Manchester Ship Canal at Flixton (SJ79G, Manchester Field Club Excursion, 2005).



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