

Identification guide for common adult New Zealand tree ferns

Are the fronds/stalks black and as big as your arm?

ĀE | YES

It's a mamaku

KĀO | NO

Is the underside of the tree fern white/silver?

KĀO | NO

ĀE | YES

It's a ponga (silver fern)

Are there dead fronds hanging down to make a skirt around the trunk?

KĀO | NO

It's a whekī

ĀE | YES

Do the dead fronds still have their leafy parts?

KĀO | NO

It's a kātote

ĀE | YES

It's a whekī ponga

