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*Polypodium californicum* is a perennial pteridophyte. It is found throughout the peninsula in canyons and on hillsides. The rhizomes are +/- glaucous or not and have scales that are brown. The fronds are monomorphic and summer deciduous. The stipe is +/- straw-colored, glabrous to scaly, and +/- terete. The blade is deltate to lanceolate-ovate and pinnatifid. The blade is also generally widest at the base. The rachis on the abaxial side is sparsely scaly to glabrescent and puberulent on the adaxial side. The pinnae are linear-lanceolate to oblong and have margins that are serrated. The sori are located on the abaxial side of the pinnae. The sori are round to ovate, flat and, +/- glandular. The spore is yellow and warty with surface projections.



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