

Not quite as rare as Oak Fern. It likes more open ground and is slightly larger. It would be good to have a more detailed search as most of these have not been recorded for many years. It grows in scree areas and in the grykes of limestone pavements but is easily missed.

Gymnocarpium robertianum

4 figure	Site	Grid Ref	Recorder	Date	Number	Comments
4477	Heathwaite	SD448770				
4478	Grubbins Wood	SD4478				
4577	Arnside Knott	SD4519777413	AK	20/05/23	3mx2m	bramble cleared last year and looking good. Also in 2024
4577	Arnside Knott	SD450776				Arnside Knott lower pasture. two large colonies on rocky slopes near wall. at 450776
4577	Arnside Knott	SD453776				Arnside Knott higher pasture. between two oaks on stony ground. at 453776
4873	4873	SD4873				
4876	Yealand 4876	SD489763				
4877	Gait Barrows	SD4815277331	LF	16/05/23	2 plant	down gryke with wood sage. Also 2024



The pinnae are covered with glandular hairs although you need a magnifying glass to see them. The back of the side ribs are green. The back of the main ribs are darker.



If you find a colony and are not sure which it is please don't pick any. Just take a photo and a grid ref and one of us will check it out.

Again if you want to compare Oak fern with Limestone Oak fern, I have both in my garden both grown from local spores.

