Pellaea atropurpurea  
**PURPLE CLIFF BRAKE**

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### Sinopteridaceae (Lipfern Family)

**Look Alikes:** *P. truncata* and *P. wrightiana* have glabrous stipes and rachises, and sessile or short-stalked pinnae.

**Spore-Producing Period:** July-September.

**Habitat:** Dry shaded ledges and crevices of limestone, sandstone, and basalt. Elev. 4000-7200 ft.
**Distribution:** Quebec and Ontario, south to the Gulf states, Mexico and Central America. In Colorado in Baca, Larimer and Las Animas Cos.