

Flatbed Rococo : Helen Sear 2021

Bracken (*Pteridium aquilinum*) has the widest distribution of any fern in the world, the marks of its evolutionary success embedded in fossils dating from over 55 million years.

Using a domestic printer as both camera and loom glitches in the scanning process have been utilised as threads to weave both time and depth into new images of this prehistoric plant. Reminiscent of raw silk, the combination of machine and hand produces a trompe l'oeil effect, referencing the asymmetrical decorative scrolls of the Rococo style and celebrating the life force of this ancient plant.