

HOW A FIDDLEHEAD UNFURLS

The Process of New Growth

Tightly Coiled Fiddlehead

The new frond is tightly rolled to protect the delicate tip.



Fiddlehead Beginning to Unwind

The coils start to expand and uncurl from the tip.



Frond Partially Unfurled

The upper part of the frond unfolds, revealing the developing leaflets (pinnae).



Fully Open Frond

The entire frond is unfurled and ready to perform photosynthesis.

