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1. A fern (*Pteridium aquilinum*) found worldwide, with large, triangular fronds usually divided into three parts.
2. An area with dense thickets of this fern.

[Middle English *braken*, probably of Scandinavian origin; see **bhreg-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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