

Preliminary checklist of the flora of Waisoi - Namosi and its surrounding area

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Abstract

A floristic survey of Waisoi, Namosi Province, Viti Levu, Fiji, conducted from 1995-1996 has revealed a vascular plant flora comprising 371 taxa (345 species and 26 sub-species). Dicots contributed the largest number of families (68), genera (133) and species (196), representing 52.8% of the entire flora, followed by monocots; 15 families, 56 genera, and 68 species, representing only 18.3%; fern and fern allies represent 26.7% of the flora comprising 22 families, 53 genera, 99 species; gymnosperms; 2.2% of the flora comprising 3 families, 7 genera, 8 species of the total flora, respectively. Trees formed the largest life-form group representing 33.9 % of the flora, followed by perennials 20.3 % epiphytes 15.2%, shrubs 14.2 %, climbers and lianas 7.6 %, succulent herbs 5.3 % and annual herbs 3.5%. Native taxa represent 86 % of the flora (43.5 % endemic and 42.4 % indigenous) and adventive taxa (13 %). 36 taxa are reported as range extensions and new records for the Namosi province, including the rare conifer *Acromyopyle sahniana*, the psilophyte *Tmesipteris truncata*, and a taxon previously considered extinct, *Carruthersia macrantha*.

Introduction

The overall flora of Fiji is relatively well-known (Smith 1979-1991) with a native vascular plant flora of approximately 1600 species. The majority of collections are from readily accessible areas, and thus reliable distribution and abundance data throughout the islands are generally lacking from remote areas. Recent botanical exploration in Fiji by M. Doyle, his students, and R. H. Phillips have revealed a number of new and interesting discoveries including one new species of palm-- *Heterospathe phillipsii* Fuller & Dowe (Fuller, Dowe, and Doyle 1997; Fuller, unpublished) and a new site for the extremely rare Fijian podocarp *Acromyopyle sahniana* Buchh. & N. E. Gray (Bush and Doyle, in press; Bush, unpublished). The purpose of this study was to determine the flora of a previously little-collected and floristically rich area that is potentially threatened by proposed mining operations. The Waisoi area of Namosi Province, Viti Levu has been identified as a copper-rich area (Colley and Flint 1995) and exploitation of the mineral deposits are now under consideration. The Waisoi area lies within the windward side, or "wet zone" of Viti Levu and thus is subject to high annual rainfall (ca 5000 mm/yr.). The general natural forest type of the area fits within the classification "lowland tropical rainforest", although at higher elevations the forest could be considered "montane tropical forest".

A floristic survey was conducted to assess the overall floristic diversity of the Waisoi area. This survey included the collection of vouchers for all taxa present as well as base-line ecological information. This information is

provided as a preliminary checklist for the flora as well as an analysis of its taxonomic distribution, growth-forms, and natural occurrence status. This information, along with additional field work, will be further analysed as part of an ecological study now underway which will be published at a later date.

Methods

The study site is located in the SE region of the Korobasabasaga Range, Viti Levu and covers an area 8 sq. km. of flat, steep and rugged terrain with an elevation range of 250m to 850m. Collections were obtained from December 1995 to November 1996. Dried herbarium vouchers were made for all taxa recorded along with some liquid-preserved material (inflorescence and fruits), the latter fixed in standard FAA solution (9:5:5 EtOH [70%] commercial strength formalin and glacial acetic acid) [Radford et. al. 1974]. The taxonomic treatments of Brownlie (1977) and Smith (1979-1991) are followed in this treatment for pteridophytes and phanerogams, respectively. Other useful treatments included Gillespie (1930, 1931), Parham (1972) and Whistler (1995). Voucher collections are cited, these numbers representing Tuiwawa collections (all denoted by numbers alone), or previous collections from Waisoi deposited in the South Pacific Regional Herbarium (SUVA), these denoted by a letter prefix either DA or L, or simply a number followed by (SUVA).

Results

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Discussion

The composition of the vascular flora of the south eastern slopes of the Korobasabasaga range and Waisoi is summarised in Table 1. Fern and fern allies represent 26.7% of the flora comprising 22 families, 53 genera, 99 species and 1 sub-species; gymnosperms 2.2% of the flora comprising 3 families, 7 genera, 8 species and 1 sub-species; dicotyledones 52.8% of the flora comprising 68 families, 133 genera, 196 species and 22 sub-species; monocotyledones 18.3 % of the flora comprising 15 families, 56 genera, 68 species and 2 sub-species. The total number of species as well as sub-species was 371. The results of this study indicate that an intensive survey over a relatively short period of time in a limited area will reveal more taxa than previously recorded from a similar area with sporadic collections compiled over longer periods of time. For example, a summary of Smith's flora (1979-1991) by Watkins (1995) lists 215 species as occurring on Mt. Korobaba, 242 species on Mt. Victoria and 278 species from the Colo-i-Suva reservation with comparable areas in size. A similar study carried out on Mt. Korobaba revealed that at least 310 species of higher plants present (Kirkpatrick and Hassall 1985). The flora of Wasoi appears to be relatively rich as well, now being the second richest area in Fiji, following Nadarivatu, with a total of 599 species (Watkins 1995).

Growth form composition of the flora is summarised in Table 2 and Figure 1. The trees form the largest group comprising 33.9 % of the flora, followed by perennials

20.3 %, epiphytes 15.2%, shrubs 14.2 %, climbers and lianas 7.6 %, succulent herbs 5.3 % and annual herbs 3.5%. The forms of twenty-four taxa can be classified as either shrubs or trees, or as perennial herbs or shrubs.

The origin, distribution and establishment of the taxa are summarised in Table 3. Taxa that are native to Fiji represent 86 % of the flora comprising 43.5 % endemic and 42.4 % indigenous. Adventive taxa comprised 13 % of the flora out of which 83.3% (40 taxa) are presumably recent introductions to the area. These recent introductions may have occurred within the past 30 years when mining exploration began in the area (Colley and Flint 1995). From this study 36 new records for the Namosi province flora were observed and these can be considered as new range extensions. This makes up 9.7 % of the Waisoi flora.

The Waisoi area is particularly vulnerable to human impacts because of the mineral deposits within the area. Mining exploration roads, current logging operations, and future mining operations are direct on-going threats to the local flora, especially in low-lying areas. The flora confined to inaccessible areas (e.g., higher elevations and steep slopes) is afforded some natural protection as long as logging or mining operations do not expand into these areas. Further analyses of the flora and its ecology are currently underway (Tuiwawa and Doyle, unpublished) and will be presented elsewhere.

Table 1 Summary of the vascular plants in Waisoi based on the preliminary checklist.

Groups	Families	Genera	Species	Sub-species
Psilotales	1	2	2	-
Lycopodiales	1	1	8	-
Sellaginellales	1	1	4	-
Filicales	19	49	85	1
Pinales	2	6	7	1
Gnetales	1	1	1	-
Dicots	68	133	196	22
Monocots	15	56	68	2
Totals	108	249	371	26
All Taxa				371

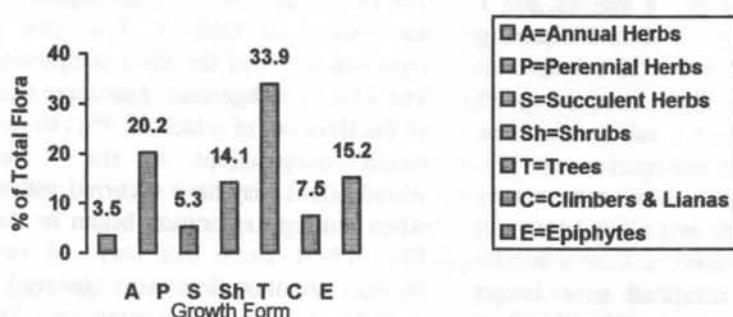
Table 2 Growth form composition of the flora.

Groups	Annual Herbs	Perennial Herbs	Succulent Herbs	Shrubs	Trees	Climbers & Lianas	Epiphytes
Fern & Allies	-	38	2	17	7	1	35
Gymnosperms	-	-	-	-	8	-	-
Dicotyledones	9	17	10	38	118	21	6
Monocotyledones	5	25	9	1	1	8	19
Totals	14	80	21	56	134	30	60

Table 3 Summary of the origin, establishment and range extension of the flora.

Groups	Endemics	Indigenous	Adventives	Naturalised	New records
Ferns & Allies	27	72	0	0	13
Gymnosperms	4	4	0	0	0
Dicotyledones	116	51	28	3	15
Monocotyledones	14	30	20	1	8
Totals	161	157	48	4	36

Figure 1 The composition of the various growth forms of vascular plants of Waisoi in Namosi.



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