

Sticherus owhyhensis (Hook.) Ching

Family

Gleicheniaceae

Hawaiian Name

uluhe, unuhe

Synonyms

Gleichenia owhyhensis Hook.; *Dicranopteris owhyhensis* (Hook.) W. J. Rob.; *Gleichenia glauca* (Sw.) Hook., non Sw.; *Gleichenia hawaiiensis* (Brack.) Hillebr.; *Mertensia glauca* Sw.; *Mertensia hawaiiensis* Brack.

Habitat

terrestrial.

Description

Rhizomes (stems): creeping, with scales. Scales non-clathrate, dark brown (may be tinged red) to purplish-black/black, concolorous.

Fronds (leaves): climbing/scandent/vine-like, not forming rosettes, indeterminate growth, not proliferous.

Stipes (petioles): not winged, grooved, green, with scales. Scales hairlike and non-clathrate, dark reddish brown with light ciliate margins, sparse throughout.

Blades: margins entire, revolute, coriaceous, accessory leaflets absent, with scales. Scales non-clathrate and hairlike, dark reddish brown with light ciliate margins, sparse/scattered to dense throughout.

Veins: prominent, free, forked once.

Pinnae: opposite.

Ultimate segments: 1.5-6 cm long, linear/oblong.

Rachises (midribs): forked, buds present in forks, not winged, with scales. Scales non-clathrate and hairlike, dark reddish brown with light ciliate margins, sparse/scattered to dense throughout.

Costae: costal lamina present, with scales.

Sori: round, submedial, medial to submarginal, 2-6 sporangia per sorus, paraphyses absent.

Indusia: absent.

Island Distribution

Kaua'i, O'ahu, Moloka'i, Lāna'i, Maui, and Hawai'i

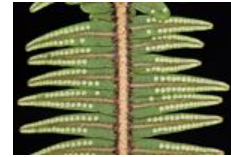
Status

Endemic

Occurrence



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Locally common

Elevational Range

900-1740 m