

A TAXONOMIC REVISION OF PLAGIogyriaceae (PTERIDOPHYTA)

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SUMMARY

A taxonomic revision of Plagiogyriaceae is presented. One genus and 11 species are recognised. One species, *P. egenolfioides*, is subdivided into four varieties. Only one species, *P. pectinata*, occurs in the New World, all others in the Old World. One species, *P. glauca*, and one variety, *P. egenolfioides* var. *decrescens*, extend east to the S Pacific islands (Solomons).

INTRODUCTION

As a preliminary result of the current study, eleven species are recognised. Most of the wide-spread species are represented by local populations with diverse ranges of variation. This resulted in the past in endless unnecessary splitting based on a number of mostly overlapping characters, like the form of the frond-apex (pinna-like or not), the degree of pinna margin serration, aerophores' appearance, and the size of specimens. The number of species accepted here agrees with that in Christensen's index (1906), and also with the estimates of Tryon & Tryon (1982), and Tryon & Stolze (1989). Tryon also correctly predicted that there is not such a large diversification in *Plagiogyria* as recognised by some botanists.

Under 'Morphology' the paragraphs about the spores is written by Dr. G.A. van Uffelen.

MATERIAL AND METHODS

During our joint research on Plagiogyriaceae for a revision for Flora Malesiana, most of the important types housed in American, European, Japanese, and Indonesian herbaria were available on loan or in the herbaria visited. Those of Blume, Rosenstock, Alderwerelt and Raciborski are in Leiden and those of Ching in Beijing. A total of about 1700 collections represented by more than 3000 herbarium sheets were studied with the aid of computer programmes for handling taxonomic collections and literature. These programmes were devised by the second author using Dbase IV. Further DELTA, TAXASOFT, and KCONI were used for technical and key descriptions.

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TAXONOMIC HISTORY

The first scientific record of a *Plagiogyria* species is found in Plumier's "Traité des Fougères de L'Amérique" published at Paris in 1705 before Linnaeus' invention of binomial nomenclature. Plumier's plate no. 81 correctly illustrates a specimen of the American *Plagiogyria*, except the long creeping rhizome, which must be an imagination. Plumier named his plant from Haiti as "*polypodium fuscum tenuissimis denticulis serratum*". Later, Willdenow (1810) gave it a formal binomium '*Acrostichum serrulatum*'. It seems it had never been recognised as a *Plagiogyria* until Lellinger made the new combination in 1971. Unfortunately, it is an illegal name [see literature cited under *Plagiogyria pectinata* (Liebm.) Lellinger in this paper]. As early as 1828 all the *Plagiogyria* species in Java were recorded by Blume in his enumeration, namely *P. adnata*, *P. glauca*, and *P. pycnophylla* (Blume's '*Lomaria glauca* var. *C'*), under the old comprehensive genus '*Lomaria*' (now *Blechnum* section *Lomaria*). At the same time, Wallich collected *Plagiogyria euphlebia* ('*Acrostichum triquetrum* Wall. no. 23, 1828, nomen') from the Himalayas, and already realised the character of a peculiar stipe-base of this group of plants, which can be inferred from the epithet. Kunze (1850) invented the name *Plagiogyria* only as a section name of *Lomaria*, based on the accurate observation of the complete oblique annulus in *L. euphlebia* Kunze and *L. glauca* Blume. One year after Kunze ascribed to *Plagiogyria* the above Asian species, Presl (1851) used two generic names for the American species, namely *Lomarium* and *Polygramma*, of which the latter is invalid; if it had been validly published, *Polygramma* would be the correct genus name (cf. Pichi Sermolli, 1972).

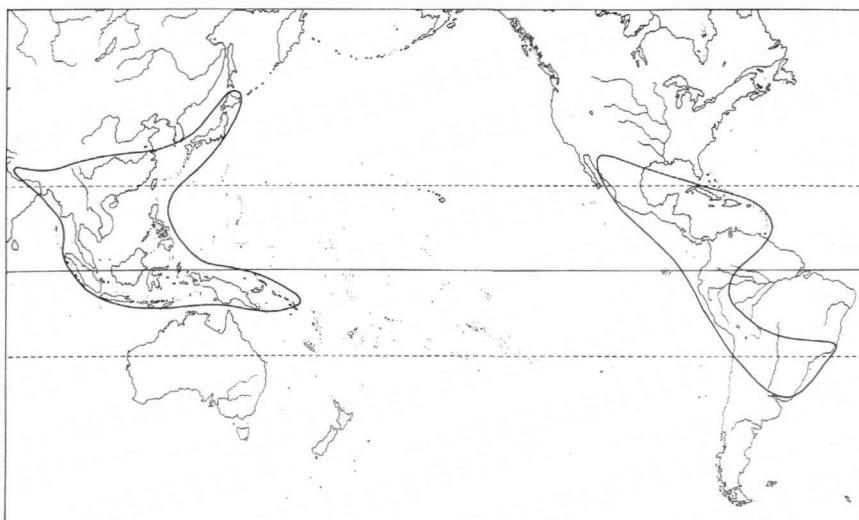
Mettenius in 1858 was the first to make a monographic study of *Plagiogyria*; he recognised six species when he published this genus. He was largely followed by other taxonomists although some authors continued to use *Lomaria*, *Lomariopsis*, *Stenochlaena*, or *Blechnum*, etc., because of their superficial similar appearance, and sometimes growing in the same environment. Hooker's conservative attitude is well known and his influence was great in systematic study of pteridology. Hooker and his followers just treated *Plagiogyria* as a section of *Lomaria*. From the last half of the 19th to the beginning of the 20th century, Baker, Hance, Christ, Makino, Alderwerelt, Rosenstock, Brause, Nakai, etc., occasionally published species of *Plagiogyria* under various genera. Nakai (1928) divided 18 *Plagiogyria* species into two groups, the *Polypneumatophorata* group, and the *Paripneumatophorata* group, which are somewhat natural from taxonomic and ecological view. He was also the first to accept Bower's family. With the increase of collections both from tropical Asia and America, Copeland made an extensive survey in 1929. As he stated himself, "The chief service of a treatise of this kind is to facilitate the study of the genus by others. Theoretically, it might be to make such study unnecessary; but the lesson of experience is that whenever a monograph is accepted for any considerable time as final, the result is that its field lags behind others ..." His paper is in large an assemblage of the knowledge of this group of ferns up to his time. Copeland was rather stubborn in not accepting Bower's evolutionary research, and "on rather important grounds of convenience", he put *Plagiogyria* in 'Polypodiaceae'.

In 1958 Ching published an important treatise on the *Plagiogyriaceae* of mainland Asia. He proposed an infrageneric classification and construed its phyletic relation as

well as dispersal routes. Copeland recognised 33 species of which 10 in the New World and 23 in Asia. Ching recognised more than 50 species, 1 in Australia (Queensland), 9 in America, about 42 in Asia (32 from China). He believed that this ancient group of ferns is still very active in speciation and that more species would be found, especially in the remote mountains in SW China. Copeland and Ching both made a great contribution to the study of this primitive fern family. Although most of the new species published by Copeland and Ching, and some of those of more locally based revisions, are sunk into older ones in this revision, their contributions are undoubtedly very important towards the understanding of this distinctive group of ferns. The only accepted species described in this century is *Plagiogyria japonica* Nakai (1928). It was known to Hooker as early as 1861 but mixed with materials of *P. euphlebia*. More recently, largely following Ching's publication on mainland Asian plants, Indian pteridologists revised their representatives adopting a lot of names apparently without a reference to the Chinese types. Taxonomically, all the Indian representatives were already well known to Hooker (1860), Beddome (1865, 1883, 1892), and Clarke (1880). Kazmi (1962), Nayar & Kazmi (1962), and Dixit & Das (1981) made very nice descriptive works but not on the basis of a reliable species concept. Nakaike (1971) and De Vol (1972) critically studied the nomenclature problem of some complex oriental species; while Lellinger (1971) elaborated on the New World representative. Now *Plagiogyria* is recognised by all modern pteridologists as the only genus of the family Plagiogyriaceae, after it was recognised as a distinct family in 1926 by Bower. Pichi Sermolli (1977) created Plagiogyriidae, while Reveal gave it an order name, Plagiogyiales Pic. Serm. ex Reveal (1993). This isolated small family has been central in the consideration of many Pteridophyte systems. Various relationships have been proposed with different groups. Many believe it is related with Osmundaceae and the tree ferns.

DISTRIBUTION AND ECOLOGY

Plagiogyria has an interesting amphi-Pacific disjunct distribution. In Asia it occurs north from Japan, S Korea (Cheju Island), to S China, westwards to E Himalayas ending on the south slope of the Central Himalayas, in India only common at the far eastern corner, not extending southwards on the subcontinent; eastwards it extends southwards via Indochina to Malesia, the Bismarck Archipelago, and the Solomon Islands. In tropical America it is found from Mexico to the Caribbean and the Andes of Venezuela, extending south to Bolivia and southeastern Brazil. The present distribution centre of *Plagiogyria* is in S and SW China. Eight species are found in China, most of which are very common and abundant. *Plagiogyria assurgens* is the only species endemic to China. Second to China, six species and one variety are found throughout the Philippines and, except the one variety shared with Borneo, all six species are shared with Taiwan and S to SW China. This distribution is not often found in other groups of ferns. The six species reached the Philippines perhaps from mainland China via Taiwan. Iwatsuki & Price (1977) comment that the Himalaya-Taiwanese floral component of northern Luzon is not a relict but recent. It is noted that *P. falcata*, *P. euphlebia*, and *P. stenoptera* in the Philippines are restricted in distri-



Map 1. Distribution of *Plagiogyriaceae*.

bution and their populations are small. Japanese islands are also very rich in species, five occur there and all are rather common, except *Plagiogyria stenoptera* which is found only in Yakushima island. This species has a disjunct distribution between SW China, Taiwan and northern Luzon and this case falls within many other examples of ferns that have a disjunctive distribution from SW China or E Himalayas to Taiwan and Japan. *Plagiogyria matsumureana*, an interesting endemic Japanese species, is the only summer green species of *Plagiogyria*. It is the only extant relative of the tropical American species, *P. pectinata*. These two species are so similar that they are nearly unseparable morphologically. It seems that the only possible explanation of the origin of the American species is that it is derived from a common ancestor with *P. matsumureana* in Asia. Unlike the Sino-Himalaya, or Sino-Japan distribution groups, *Plagiogyria* is not well developed in the Indian subcontinent. The fact that none of them occurs in Africa, Australia and the lower part of India, may shed light on the explanation of the historical biogeography of *Plagiogyria*. A few species in the north and northeastern corner of India are probably recently dispersed from the east. *Plagiogyria* has a wide extention in the islands of SE Asia, but most species are restricted to higher mountain forests. *Plagiogyria egenolfioides* is a species that has evolved four distinct local varieties. The four varieties are morphologically and ecologically different. *Plagiogyria egenolfioides* var. *sumatrana* is distributed from Sumatra to Peninsular Malaysia, not uncommon at 1300–1800 m high ridges. The plants are usually large, the leaves have an elongate pinna-like apex and resemble *P. euphlebia*. *Plagiogyria egenolfioides* var. *decrescens* is the commonest high altitude fern in New Guinea and ranges from 1800 to about 4000 m. In the summit grasslands, this variety forms large, dense populations often associated with *Blechnum vestitum* and it reaches eastwards into the Solomon Islands, and to the north into Seram. Two other varieties occur in Borneo, the Philippines, Sulawesi, and east to Seram. In the Pacific only *P. egenolfioides* var. *decrescens* and *P. glauca* were once collected on the summit of Mt Popomanatseen

in Guadalcanal (Solomon Islands). The geographic distribution probably is due to the fact that all *Plagiogyria* species are mountain plants, abundant on cold, moist, forested high ridges. Most, if not all, are growing in acid peaty soil (Holttum, 1966). Almost all of them can form large, dense populations, and are dominant herbs in the undergrowth. Some species have a forked rhizome, or form runners to propagate vegetatively. Map 1.

MORPHOLOGY OF PLAGIOGYRIA

Rhizome

The morphology and anatomy of the rhizome and stipe were studied in detail in some species by Bower (1910), Nayar & Kazmi (1962), and Ogura (1972).

The rhizome is erect, suberect, or decumbent, a few centimetres to about 15 cm long. Long rhizomes in *P. egenolfioides* var. *latipinna* and var. *decrescens* are up to 50 cm and still upright, only the stipe bases are relatively sparsely arranged. Short decumbent rhizomes are occasionally found in *P. euphlebia*, *P. falcata*, *P. japonica*, and *P. adnata*; in anatomy there are no essential differences from the erect ones. The shape of the rhizome is subject to change with the environmental condition. The long-rhizome specimens are plants growing in ground covered by a thick moss layer.

Occasional bifurcated rhizomes occur in *P. matsumureana*, *P. pectinata*, and stolons (runners) in *P. glauca* and *P. pycnophylla*.

The stolon is interesting in anatomy. Its basal part shows a protostele, enlarges into a solenostele and then a dictyostele, showing all stages of ontogenetic development (Ogura, 1972).

Stipe

There is no difference between the stipes of sterile fronds and those of the fertile ones in one species. Usually, the fertile frond has a longer stipe, but shorter stipes occur in some populations of *P. euphlebia* and in *P. egenolfioides*.

Cross sections of stipes, especially from the middle part of the swollen bases, are valuable in taxonomic studies of this genus. All the species except *P. matsumureana* and *P. pectinata* have one Loxsoma type stele in the stipe, V- or U-shaped, surrounded by a sclerenchyma sheath. In the above mentioned two species the stele is V-shaped at the very base but a few millimetres higher it divides into three meristoles.

Plagiogyria egenolfioides var. *decrescens*, var. *latipinna*, and var. *sumatrana*, *P. glauca*, and *P. pycnophylla* form a group characterised by a thick sclerenchyma sheath surrounding the vascular bundle. The latter is U-shaped in cross section when cut off at the middle part of a stipe base. In *P. egenolfioides* var. *egenolfioides* the plants are very small and the vascular bundle is V-shaped in cross section. *Plagiogyria assurgens* has one U-shaped vascular bundle surrounded by a thin layer of sclerenchyma. In large plants of *Plagiogyria euphlebia* the vascular bundle is U-shaped, in smaller plants it is V-shaped. *Plagiogyria adnata*, *P. falcata*, *P. japonica*, and *P. stenoptera* are species with a thin sclerenchyma sheath around the V-shaped vascular bundle. *Plagiogyria matsumureana* and *Plagiogyria pectinata* are two very exceptional species which have three vascular bundles each surrounded by a thin sclerenchyma sheath.

The distinction between the so-called U-shaped and V-shaped vascular bundles in some species is not very clear. For example, most of the cross sections made at the middle of the stipe bases in *P. stenoptera* show an arch with two divergent arms. The bottom has a roundish angle, which is called V-shaped; in some bigger specimens the stipe base is more dorsiventral and the vascular arch's bottom is horizontal, referred to as U-shaped. There is a gradual transition of the vascular bundle from U-shaped to V-shaped. The apomorphic state is a stele which divides into three strands. Ontogenetically and phylogenetically the evolution of the stele is interesting in all the groups of *Plagiogyria*.

Aerophores

Aerophores (pneumatophores) are prominent on the dorsal side of swollen stipe bases. They form a common character of all *Plagiogyria* species. Hook-shaped aerophores up to 2 mm or more develop on stipes and on dorsal sides of rachises at the base of the insertion of pinnae in *P. egenolfioides* var. *decrescens*, var. *latipinna*, and var. *sumatrana*. Horn-like ones, usually c. 0.5 mm long, occur on the stipes and pinnae bases of *P. glauca* and *P. pycnophylla*. Nakai called them the *Polypneumatophorata* Group. They are also representatives of the most primitive members in *Plagiogyria* that have a thick sclerenchyma sheath around the vascular bundle in the stipes. In *P. egenolfioides* var. *egenolfioides*, and the dwarf plants of other taxa, the aerophores are not fully developed on the stipe and rachis, sometimes they even appear to be absent. Round, wart-like aerophores appear at the base of stipes of all other species (Nakai's *Paripneumatophorata* Group) and sometimes develop on the stipe and rachis of large specimens of *P. eupblebia*. In smaller specimens of *P. falcata*, *P. stenoptera*, *P. matsumureana*, and *P. pectinata* only very few small aerophores, usually 1 to 3 pairs, occur at the not much dilated bases. The development of aerophores correlates with that of the mechanical tissues (sclerenchymatic tissues) in the stipe and may function as an aeration pathway for the living parenchymatic tissues inside. Large stomata occur on the apex of the aerophores.

Spores (by G.A. van Uffelen). — Plates 1–4

Spores of the genus *Plagiogyria* are tetrahedral, with a trilete aperture; the arms of the aperture are about 3/4 of the radius; the angles are rather prolonged, with depressions in between. The spores are about 50 µm in diameter. The spore wall consists of an exospore, probably of the blechnoid type (sensu Lugardon), covered with a two-layered perispore, which may be slightly papillate bearing minute rodlets, or more coarsely tuberculate, with or without rodlets.

The spores of the species studied here fall into two groups: 1) *P. pycnophylla* (China), *P. glauca* (China), *P. matsumureana* (Japan), all with a slightly papillate perispore bearing minute rodlets, and 2) *P. eupblebia* (China), *P. japonica* (Japan), *P. adnata* (Japan), *P. egenolfioides* (Malesian Archipelago), *P. assurgens* (China), *P. falcata* (China), *P. stenoptera* (China), and *P. pectinata* (Bolivia), with a perispore that bears tubercles, ranging from a few scattered ones to so many that they cover almost the entire distal side of the spore; the proximal side always has fewer tubercles than the distal side; in some species the perispore also bears rodlets, on and between the tubercles.

Both Liew (1976) and Tryon & Lugardon (1991) have studied spores of the genus with electron microscopy. Liew's study is among the first to use scanning electron microscopy on spores and contains detailed descriptions. However, the more species one studies, the more difficult it becomes to fit the spores into Liew's five distinct types.

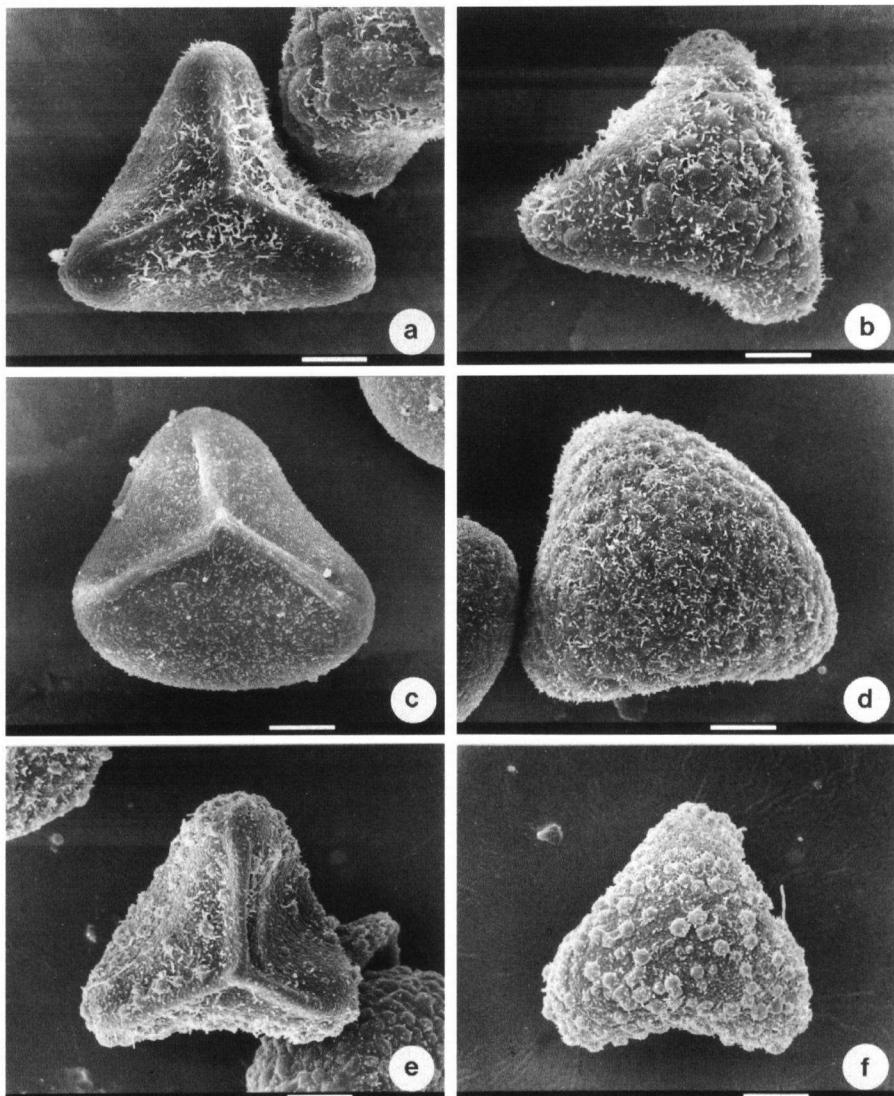


Plate 1. Spores; scale bars = 10 μm . — a & b: *Plagiogyria pycnophylla* (T.N. Liou 23005, PE), China, Yunnan. Perispore slightly papillate, bearing many rodlets. — c & d: *P. glauca* (S.D. Fang 3512, PE), China, Yunnan. Perispore slightly papillate, with short rodlets. — e & f: *P. euphlebia* (W.T. Tsang 22526, PE), China, Guangdong. Perispore with many coarse tubercles, and also with small rodlets.

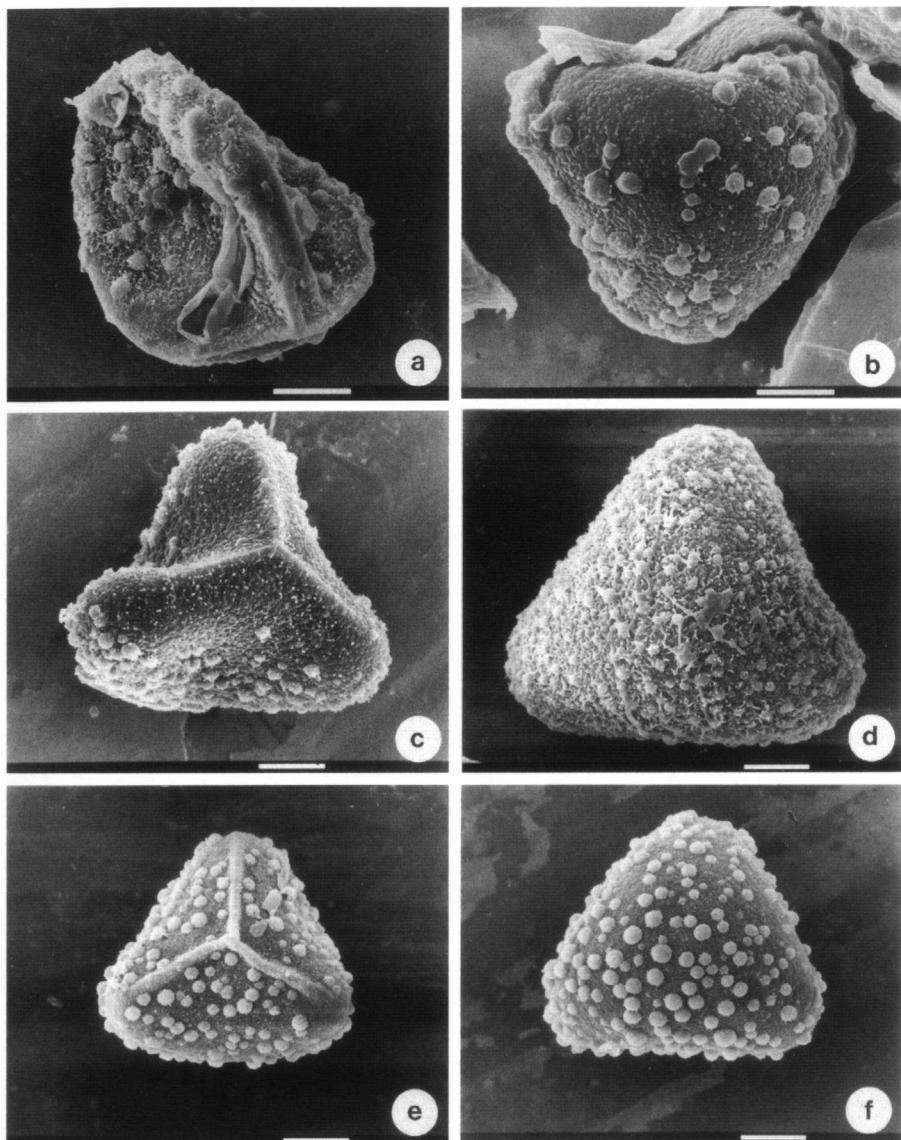
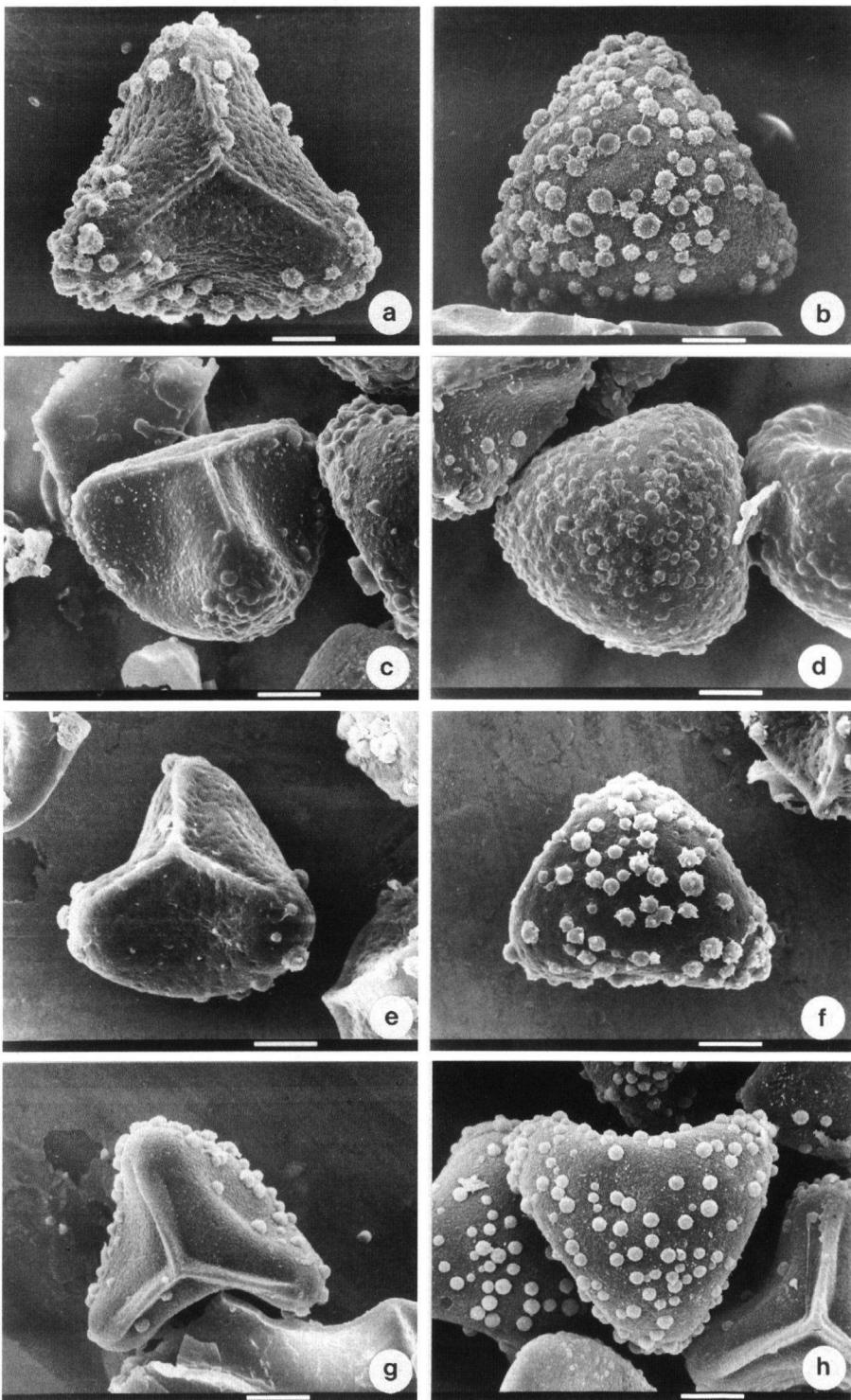
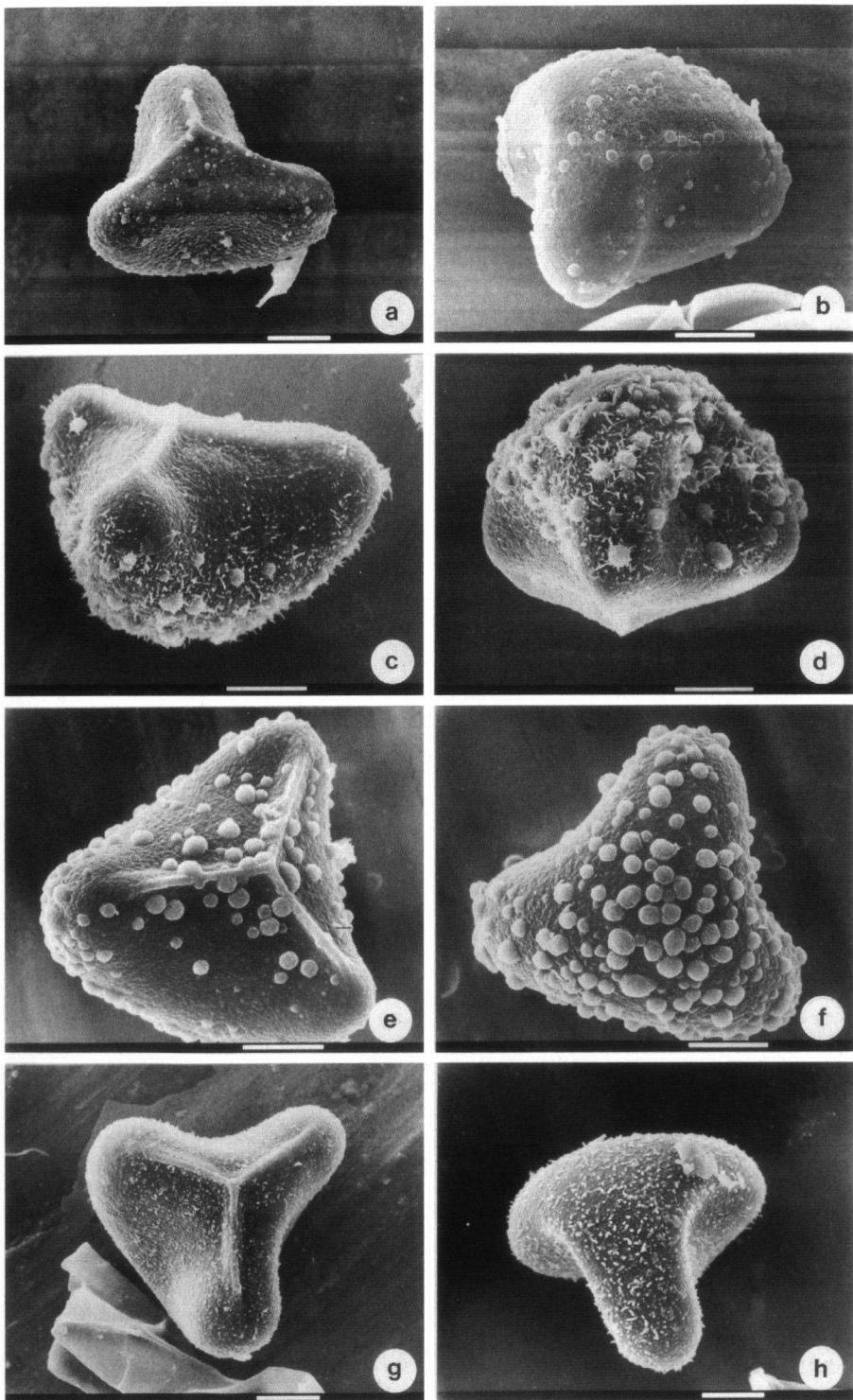


Plate 2. Spores; scale bars = 10 μm . — a & b: *Plagiogyria japonica* (T. Nakai s.n., TI), Japan. Perispore with few, rather large tubercles, without rodlets. — c & d: *P. adnata* (S. Hatusima 14646, US), Japan. Perispore with many low tubercles, also with small rodlets. — e & f: *P. egenolfioides* var. *sumatrana* (de Wilde & de Wilde-Duyffes 13234, L), Sumatra. Perispore with many very prominent, globular tubercles, without any rodlets.

Plate 3. For legend, see page 411.





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Plate 3. Spores; scale bars = 10 µm. — a & b: *Plagiogyria egenolfioides* var. *latipinna* (M. Kato B 3671, L), Borneo (Kalimantan). Perispore with many prominent tubercles, with a few small rodlets, mainly on the tubercles. — c & d: *P. egenolfioides* var. *egenolfioides* (P.W. Richards 1994, K), Sarawak. Perispore with many slight tubercles, without rodlets. — e & f: *P. egenolfioides* var. *decrescens* (C. Ledermann 11927, B), New Guinea. Perispore with rather few, not very prominent tubercles, without rodlets. — g & h: *P. assurgens* (S.Y. Hu 885, A), China, Sichuan. Perispore with rather few, very distinctly globular tubercles, without rodlets.

Plate 4. Spores; scale bars = 10 µm. — a & b: *Plagiogyria falcata* (R.C. Ching 8787, US), China, Anhui. Perispore with only a few not very prominent tubercles, without rodlets. — c & d: *P. stenoptera* (W.P. Fang 3177, E), China, Sichuan. Perispore with rather few tubercles, also with some rodlets. — e & f: *P. pectinata* (J.C. Solomon c.s. 18071, NY), Bolivia. Perispore with many prominent, globular tubercles, without rodlets. — g & h: *P. matsumureana* (J. Ohwi c.s. NSM 317, US and K. Iwatsuki 5054, CE, respectively), Japan. Perispore slightly papillate, with small rodlets.

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PLAGIOGYRIACEAE

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Terrestrial ferns, small to medium-sized, 10–150 cm, rarely up to 2 m high, devoid of scales. Rhizome stout, thickened, with persistent stipe bases, erect, suberect, or short decumbent, dictyostelic, sometimes bifurcated or stoloniferous; roots blackish, sparsely branched, wiry, regularly arranged on the stem, one beside each stipe base. Fronds dimorphous, bearing minute, uniserial, multicellular, gland-headed, mucilage-secreting trichomes, most of which are lost when dry or becoming amorphous flaky ‘scales’ with the secretion. Stipes round, oval, triangulate, or tetragonal, bearing aerophores or not; base of stipe swollen, flat on ventral face and with a strong median ridge on the dorsal face, dividing this face into two surfaces, each of which bears a row of warts looking like aerophores; the stipe with a single vascular bundle which expands or divides into three meristeles in the enlarged base; rachis winged or not, ventral face sulcate, dorsal face terete, flat, or carinate, aerophores absent, or present near the base of the pinnae. Laminae of sterile fronds herbaceous to subcoriaceous, glaucous below or not, once pinnate or deeply pinnatifid; pinnae falcate to linear-lanceolate, glabrous or sparsely glandular hairy underneath, margin entire, minutely serrulate to dentate at the apex; veins simple, or paired at base, mostly once to twice forked, reaching the margin of a pinna. Laminae of fertile fronds similar in shape as the sterile ones, in the middle of a plant, erect, with a proportionally longer stipe and a shorter lamina, once pinnate or deeply pinnatifid, pinnae short stalked or sessile, glabrous or with few short glandular hairs at the edge, the tissue above the veinlets hygroscopic and reversible, functioning as indusium (‘false indusium’), at young stage the scarious margins cover the sori, recurved at mature stage, but when wet covering the sori again; veins free, once to twice forked, solitary or paired at the base, not entering into the scarious marginal part, margin of fertile pinnae entire or irregular, apical pinna usually pinnatifid or conform with the lateral ones, having a few lobes at the base or not; sori borne on the swollen end of veins, extended a little, confluent, ascrostichoid, nearly fully covering the lower surface of pinnae when ripe; paraphyses many, a little longer than sporangia, uniserial, multicellular, orange to dark brown, gland-like, apically slightly capitate, deep in colour, intermingled with sporangia. Sporangia with a complete oblique annulus, not interrupted by the stalk, lateral in dehiscence, 64 spores per sporangium. Spores tetrahedral-globose, trilete, the laesurae about 3/4 of the radius, surface ornamentation irregular coarse tubercles, with coalescent papillae and rodlets.

Plagiogyriaceae is a monotypic family in the leptosporangiate Pteridophyta.

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Plagiogyria subsect. *Pycnophyllae* Ching ex Lellinger, Amer. Fern J. 61 (1971) 111; Ching, Acta Phytotax. Sin. 7 (1958) 135; Fl. Reipubl. Popul. Sin. 2 (1959) 87; nom. inval. — Type: *Plagiogyria pycnophylla* (Kunze) Mett.

KEY TO THE SPECIES AND VARIETIES

- 1a. Most pinnae except the uppermost of sterile lamina with an auriculate base, veins invisible on both surfaces, margin of sterile pinnae crenate
..... 3a. *P. egenolfioides* var. *egenolfioides*
- b. Base of pinnae of sterile lamina not auriculate, veins distinct or obscure on both surfaces, margin of sterile pinnae entire or not 2
- 2a. Cross section from middle part of stipe base shows three oval vascular bundles, fertile lamina pinnate but towards apex deeply pinnatifid, or upper half pinnatifid; pinnae sessile with auriculate-adnate base 3

- b. Cross section from middle part of stipe base shows one V-shaped or one U-shaped vascular bundle, fertile lamina pinnate throughout or except the very apex, or deeply pinnatifid and rachis slightly winged throughout, pinnae nearly sessile or (shortly) stalked, base not auriculate-adnate 4
- 3a. Fronds covered with an amorphous gelatinous mucilage layer when dry, sterile lamina except a few free basal pinnae pinnatifid, widest medially, with stomata along the two sides of a vein, absent in the middle area between two veins, spores brown with reddish tubercles 9. *P. pectinata*
- b. Fronds not covered with an amorphous gelatinous mucilage layer when dry, sterile lamina pinnatifid, widest medially or a little above, with stomata scattered on the lower epidermis, spores yellow, without reddish tubercles 8. *P. matsumureana*
- 4a. Most pinnae except the uppermost of sterile lamina with base adnate to rachis, or acroscopic side adnate, sometimes into a wide wing along the rachis 5
- b. Most pinnae except the uppermost of sterile lamina with base not adnate, cuneate, rounded, truncate, or attenuate 9
- 5a. Aerophores present on base of stipe, stipe and rachis, stipes reddish-brown, fronds covered with an amorphous gelatinous mucilage layer when dry, most pinnae except the uppermost of sterile lamina with only the acroscopic side of base adnate 3c. *P. egenolfioides* var. *latipinna*
- b. Aerophores only present on base of stipe, stipes stramineous or brownish, fronds not covered with an amorphous gelatinous mucilage layer when dry, generally pinnae except towards the very apex of sterile lamina with base adnate to rachis or the acroscopic side adnate into a wide wing along the rachis 6
- 6a. Acroscopic side of pinna base of pinnatifid sterile lamina adnate to the rachis, but not into a wide wing, uppermost pinnae basiscopically perpendicular to the rachis 5. *P. falcata*
- b. Acroscopic side of pinna base of pinnatifid sterile lamina adnate to the rachis into a wide wing, uppermost pinnae basiscopically decurrent into rachis wing or round 7
- 7a. Fertile lamina pinnate throughout except the apex and lower pinnae shortly stalked, lowermost pinnae not much shortened, sterile lamina widest medially to basally 1. *P. adnata*
- b. Fertile lamina pinnate throughout and pinnae nearly sessile, or deeply pinnatifid and rachis slightly winged throughout, 1–4 pairs of lowermost pinnae much shorter, deflexed, and often sterile, or some pairs becoming aerophore-like vestiges on the stipe together with aerophores, sterile lamina widest medially 8
- 8a. Sterile laminae not glaucous beneath, (0)–3–6(–11) pairs of lowermost pinnae reduced to mere auricles, cross section from middle part of stipe base with one V-shaped vascular bundle; fertile lamina with dorsal side of rachis flattened or grooved, apex terminated by a pinna conform with the lateral ones which is often beaded at the base, base of middle pinnae shortly stalked, some pairs of lowermost pinnae becoming aerophore-like vestiges on the stipe together with aerophores, margin of pinnae sparsely short glandular hairy 11. *P. stenoptera*
- b. Sterile lamina glaucous beneath, 1–2(–4) pairs of lowermost pinnae much reduced, (0.5)–1–2(–3) cm long, cross section from middle part of stipe base with one U-shaped vascular bundle; fertile lamina with dorsal side of rachis carinate, apex

- pinnatifid, acuminate or caudate, base of middle pinnae broadly adnate, 1–4 pairs of lowermost pinnae much shorter, deflexed and often sterile, margin of pinnae glabrous **2. P. assurgens**
- 9a. Sterile lamina glaucous beneath, widest in or a little above the middle **6. P. glauca**
- b. Sterile lamina not glaucous, widest basally to medially 10
- 10a. Aerophores cushion-like, on stipe and rachis near the base of pinnae 11
- b. Aerophores slender, hook-shaped, with pointed apex, or elongate, horn-like, with blunt apex, on stipe and rachis 12
- 11a. Most pinnae, except the uppermost of sterile lamina, with inequilateral base, rhizome thick with many stipe bases, veins of pinnae mostly paired at base or forked above base **7. P. japonica**
- b. Most pinnae, except the uppermost of sterile lamina, with equilateral base, rhizome thin, sometimes woody, veins of pinnae mostly simple or as many simple as forked **4. P. euphelebia**
- 12a. Aerophores only present on base of stipe, rhizome thick with many stipe bases, cross section from middle part of stipe base with one V-shaped vascular bundle **7. P. japonica**
- b. Aerophores present on base of stipe, stipe and rachis, rhizome very woody, cross section from middle part of stipe base with one U-shaped vascular bundle 13
- 13a. Aerophores elongate, horn-like with blunt apex, stipes stramineous or brownish, fronds not covered with an amorphous gelatinous mucilage layer when dry, sterile lamina herbaceous, paraphyses few, spores not tuberculate **10. P. pycnophylla**
- b. Aerophores hook-shaped, with pointed apex, stipes reddish-brown, fronds covered with an amorphous gelatinous mucilage layer when dry, sterile lamina subcoriaceous, paraphyses many, spores with reddish tubercles **3. P. egenolfioides**

ALTERNATIVE KEY TO THE SPECIES AND VARIETIES

- 1a. Cross section from middle part of stipe base with three elliptic vascular bundles, fertile lamina pinnate or pinnatifid towards apex or in upper half; pinnae sessile, base auriculate-adnate 2
- b. Cross section from middle part of stipe base with one V-shaped or one U-shaped vascular bundle, fertile lamina as in 1a or deeply pinnatifid, rachis slightly winged throughout; pinnae nearly sessile to stalked, base decurrent or auriculate 3
- 2a. Sterile lamina pinnatifid except a few free basal pinnae, fronds covered with an amorphous gelatinous mucilage layer when dry, stomata along both sides of a vein, absent in the middle area between two veins, spores brown with reddish tubercles **9. P. pectinata**
- b. Sterile lamina pinnatifid, fronds not covered with amorphous gelatinous mucilage layer when dry, stomata scattered on the lower epidermis, spores yellow without reddish tubercles **8. P. matsumureana**
- 3a. Sterile lamina, except sometimes a few free basal pinnae, pinnatifid 4
- b. Sterile lamina, except the pinnatifid or pinnatilobed apex, pinnate, or lower part pinnate, upper 1/3 to 1/2 pinnatifid, or pinnate, apical pinna base free, or sometimes connected with upper lateral ones 8

- 4a. Sterile lamina glaucous beneath **2. *P. assurgens***
 b. Sterile lamina not glaucous beneath 5
- 5a. Aerophores present on stipe and rachis, stipes reddish-brown, cross section from middle part of stipe base with one U-shaped vascular bundle, fronds covered with amorphous gelatinous mucilage layer when dry, sterile lamina subcoriaceous **3c. *P. egenolfioides* var. *latipinna***
 b. Aerophores only present on base of stipe, stipes stramineous, or brownish, cross section from middle part of stipe base with one V-shaped vascular bundle, fronds not covered with amorphous gelatinous mucilage layer when dry, sterile lamina herbaceous 6
- 6a. Fertile lamina pinnate except apex, lower pinnae shortly stalked, most pinnae except the uppermost of sterile lamina with base at acroscopic side adnate into a wide wing along rachis, dorsal side of rachis of fertile lamina not winged
 **1. *P. adnata***
 b. Fertile lamina pinnate throughout and pinnae nearly sessile, or deeply pinnatifid and rachis slightly winged throughout, most pinnae except the uppermost of sterile lamina with base adnate to rachis, dorsal side of rachis of fertile lamina sometimes winged on the ridges 7
- 7a. Apex of fertile lamina terminated by a pinna conform with the lateral ones, which is often beaded at the base, upper part of stipe tetragonal, dorsal side of rachis of fertile lamina flattened or grooved, base of middle fertile pinnae shortly stalked, lowermost pinnae of fertile lamina becoming aerophores-like vestiges on stipe together with aerophores, margin of fertile pinnae sparsely short glandular hairy **11. *P. stenoptera***
 b. Apex of fertile lamina pinnatifid, acuminate or caudate, upper part of stipe triangular, dorsal side of rachis of fertile lamina carinate, base of middle fertile pinnae broadly adnate, lowermost pinnae of fertile lamina not or gradually shortened, margin of fertile pinnae glabrous **5. *P. falcata***
- 8a. Sterile lamina glaucous beneath, widest in or a slightly above the middle
 **6. *P. glauca***
 b. Sterile lamina not glaucous beneath, widest in or below the middle 9
- 9a. Aerophores only present on base of stipe, not on rachis, or seemingly absent when dry 10
 b. Aerophores present on stipe and rachis, or only present on base of stipe and lower part of rachis 12
- 10a. Fronds covered with amorphous gelatinous mucilage layer when dry, stipes reddish-brown, veins invisible on both surfaces, pinnae of sterile lamina widest near base, most pinnae except the uppermost of sterile lamina with auriculate base, lowermost pinnae of fertile lamina gradually shortened
 **3a. *P. egenolfioides* var. *egenolfioides***
 b. Fronds not covered with amorphous gelatinous mucilage layer when dry, stipes stramineous or brownish, veins distinct on both surfaces, pinnae of sterile lamina widest in the middle, most pinnae except the uppermost of sterile lamina with cuneate, rounded, or attenuate base, lowermost pinnae of fertile lamina longer than other pinnae or at least not shorter 11

- 11a. Most pinnae except the uppermost of sterile lamina with inequilateral base, rhizome thick with many stipe bases **7. P. japonica**
 b. Most pinnae except the uppermost of sterile lamina with equilateral base, rhizome thin, sometimes very woody **4. P. euphlebia**
- 12a. Aerophores cushion-like **4. P. euphlebia**
 b. Aerophores slender, hook-shaped with pointed apex or elongate, horn-like, with blunt apex 13
- 13a. Sterile lamina pinnate, with a free apical pinna, which is sometimes connected with upper lateral ones **3c. P. egenolfioides** var. *latipinna*
 b. Sterile lamina pinnate, with a pinnatifid or pinnatilobed apex, or lower part pinnate, upper 1/3 to 1/2 pinnatifid 14
- 14a. Aerophores on stipe and rachis elongate, horn-like, with blunt apex, stipes stramineous or brownish, fronds not covered with amorphous gelatinous mucilage layer when dry, fertile lamina pinnate throughout, pinnae nearly sessile or shortly stalked, spores yellow to brown, not tuberculate **10. P. pycnophylla**
 b. Aerophores on stipe and rachis slender, hook-shaped, with pointed apex, stipes reddish-brown, fronds covered with amorphous gelatinous mucilage layer when dry, fertile lamina pinnate except towards the apex, lower pinnae shortly stalked to stalked, spores yellow or brown with reddish tubercles **3. P. egenolfioides**

1. *Plagiogyria adnata* (Blume) Bedd. — Fig. 1

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- Plagiogyria meghalayensis* R.D. Dixit & A. Das, Proc. Indian Acad. Sci. (Plant Sci.) 90 (1981) 378, photogr. 7. — Type: *Rao 4866* (CAL, n.v.), Meghalaya, Shillong, Elephant Falls, III-1979.
- Plagiogyria wulingshanensis* C.M. Zhang & S.F. Wu in W.T. Wang et al., Keys to the vascular plants of the Wuling Mountains (1995) 561. — Type: *Kunming Inst. Bot. Wuling Mts exp. 2879* (PE, n.v.) China, Guizhou, Shigian.
- [*Plagiogyria parva* Copel. ex P.H. Hô, Ill. Fl. Vietnam 1 (1991) 53, f. 95, nom. nud. — Voucher: *Pételot s.n.* (holo P), Vietnam, Tonkin, 'Sentier de La Crête, Massif de la Fan Tsi Pan, Humus la base d'un rocher en forêt', alt. 1500 m, VII-1931].
- [*Plagiogyria parva* De Vol ex F.S. Liew, Taiwania 21 (1976) 38, nom. nud.] — Voucher: *Nakamura 4487* (TI), Taiwan, Hualien, Muhkwashan, 7-VIII-1940.

Rhizome short, erect to suberect or curved, thick with many stipe bases. *Stipes* stramineous or brownish, of sterile fronds (4.5-)15-25(-35) cm long, of fertile fronds (17-)40-50(-65) cm long, base slightly to moderately enlarged, 2-7 mm wide in the



Fig. 1. *Plagiogyria adnata* (Blume) Bedd. [G. Mann s.n., X-1888 (NY), India, Khasia Hills, Shillong Peak].

middle, in cross section one V-shaped vascular bundle, upper part of stipe tetragonal or rarely triangular, aerophores only present on base of stipe; rachises glabrous. Fronds not covered with an amorphous gelatinous mucilage layer when dry, dorsal side of rachis semiterete to trigonous, not winged, rachis (0.5–)1–1.5(–3) mm wide in the middle part. *Sterile lamina* herbaceous, not glaucous, pinnatifid, rarely except a few free basal pinnae, widest basally to medially, (8–)15–25(–36) cm long, (3–)5–15(–26) cm wide; pinnae (8–)13–20(–35) pairs, widest below or about the middle, veins of pinnae paired at base or forked above base or rarely simple, distinct on both surfaces, stomata scattered on the lower epidermis, margin minutely serrulate, towards the base entire or nearly so, or nearly entire except the apex, most pinnae except the uppermost with inequilateral base, acroscopic side adnate into a wide wing along rachis; lowermost pinnae adnate, not or slightly deflexed, not or slightly shortened; middle pinnae (1.5–)5–7(–11) cm long, (0.4–)0.7–1.2(–1.7) cm wide in the middle, acroscopic side of base adnate to the rachis into a wide wing, basiscopic side rounded, partly free from rachis; uppermost pinnae adnate, base about equal-sided, basiscopically decurrent into rachis wing; apex of lamina pinnatifid, terminated by a pinnatilobed, short-triangular or long-triangular segment. *Fertile fronds* usually longer than the sterile ones, dorsal side of rachis flattened or slightly grooved, not winged, rachis (0.5–)1(–2) mm wide in the middle part; lamina pinnate except the apex, lower pinnae shortly stalked, (8–)16–26(–45) cm long, (2–)4–10(–16) cm wide; pinnae glabrous or sparsely bearing short glandular hairs, (9–)13–17(–24) pairs, margin entire or subentire; lowermost pinnae not shortened, 1–4 cm apart; middle pinnae (1–)4–8(–11) cm long, 2–3(–4) mm wide, sessile or shortly stalked; apex terminated by a pinna conform with the lateral ones which is often beaded at the base or pinnatifid, acuminate, or caudate. Paraphyses many or few, rarely mostly lost, yellow to brown. Spores yellow, with reddish tubercles.

Distribution — Japan, China (Anhui, Zhejiang, Fujian, Jiangxi, Huibei, Hunan, Jiangxi, Guangdong, Guangxi, Hainan, Taiwan, Sichuan, Guizhou, Yunnan), Burma, E India (Assam, Khasia, Shillong), Thailand, Vietnam, Peninsular Malaysia, Sumatra, Java, Borneo (Mt Kinabalu), Philippines (Luzon).

Habitat — In forest on rather wet mountain slopes, altitude 60–2000 m, common above 500 m; on Mt Kinabalu 1400–1600 m.

Chromosome number — Nakato (1988) reported $2n = 260$, under the name of *P. rankanensis* Hayata, Weng (1990) reported $n = 60$, under the name *P. distinctissima* Ching.

Notes — 1. Kuhn (1869) ascribed *P. adnata* to T. Moore, Ind. Syn., a manuscript name. Apparently he was unaware of the combination made by Beddome four years before.

2. A few sheets of Hancock 216 bis in BM, K are all *P. stenoptera* (*Lomaria concinna*). Ching's original type of *P. yunnanensis* could not be traced in those herbaria.

2. *Plagiogyria assurgens* H. Christ — Fig. 2

Plagiogyria assurgens H. Christ in Baroni & H. Christ, Bull. Soc. Bot. Ital. (1901) 293; H. Christ, Bull. Acad. Int. Géogr. Bot. (1906) 139, cum plate on p. 132; C. Chr., Acta Horti Gothob. 1 (1924) 92; Copel., Philipp. J. Sci. 38 (1929) 398; Ching, Icon. Filic. Sin. 4 (1937) pl. 155; Acta Phytotax. Sin. 7 (1958) 117, 141; Fl. Reipubl. Popul. Sin. 2 (1959) 91; H.S. Kung, Fl. Sichuanica 6 (1986) 126, pl. 37, f. 1–3. — Type: *Scallan s.n.* (holo P), Sichuan, Mt Emei,

'Mont Omi', 'Uo-mi San, Tien-to-Sen, Sze-tchuen', 'in monte Mo Mi (Omei of Faber)', IX-1899.

Lomaria deflexa Baker, J. Bot. 24 (1888) 226, non Colenso (1844), nec Liebm. (1849). — *Spicanta deflexa* Kuntze, Revis. Gen. Pl. 2 (1891) 822. — *Blechnum faberi* C. Chr., Index Filic. (1906) 495. — Type: *Faber* 1023 (holo K; photogr. P), Sichuan, Mt Emei (Omei), alt. 7000 ft. [*Plagiogyria assurgens* H. Christ var. *concolor* Ching, Fl. Reipubl. Popul. Sin. 2 (1959) 92, nom. nud.] — Voucher: *P.H. Yu* 1227 (holo PE), Yunnan, Zhenxiong, Yigu, Mawutang, alt. 1850 m, 6-X-1957.

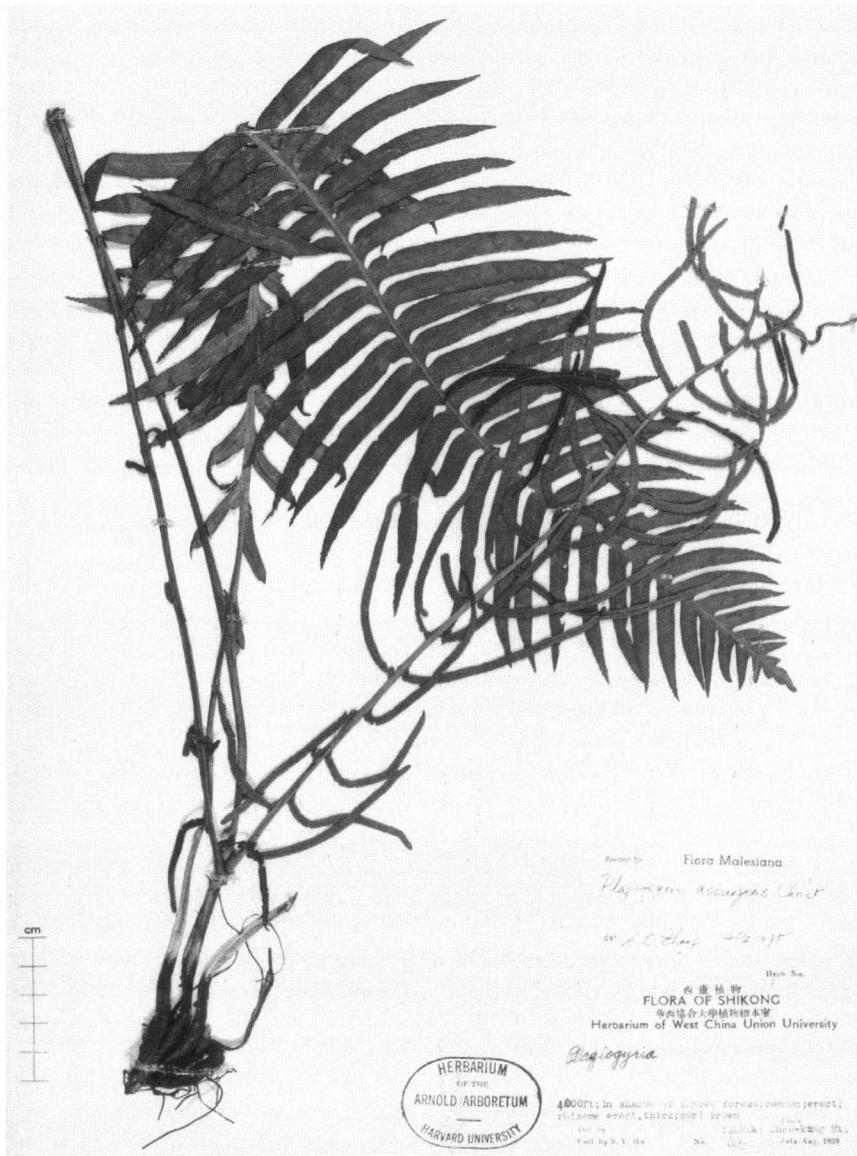


Fig. 2. *Plagiogyria assurgens* H. Christ [S. Y. Hu 885 (A), China, Sichuan, Ya'an, Mt Zhegushan].

Rhizome short, suberect or curved, thick with many stipe bases. *Stipes* stramineous, of sterile fronds 8–20 cm long, of fertile fronds 15–45 cm long, base moderately enlarged, 5–8 mm wide in the middle, in cross section one U-shaped vascular bundle, upper part of stipe tetragonal, aerophores only present on base of stipe; rachises glabrous. Fronds not covered with an amorphous gelatinous mucilage layer when dry, dorsal side of rachis trigonous or carinate, not winged, rachis 1–4 mm wide in the middle part. *Sterile lamina* herbaceous to firm herbaceous, glaucous beneath, pinnatifid, widest medially, 23–63 cm long, 10–20 cm wide, index 1.9–3.2; pinnae 22–47 pairs, widest medially or widest near base, veins of pinnae paired at base or forked above base to paired at base with one branch forked above the base, distinct on both surfaces, stomata scattered on the lower epidermis, margin serrulate, towards the base entire or nearly so, most pinnae except the uppermost with inequilateral base, acroscopic side adnate into a wide wing along rachis; lowermost pinnae adnate, deflexed, abruptly shortened, 1–2(–4) pairs much reduced, to (0.5–)1–2(–3) cm long; middle pinnae 5–11 cm long, 0.7–1.2 cm wide in the middle, acroscopic side of base adnate to the rachis into a wide wing, basiscopic side rounded, partly free from rachis; uppermost pinnae adnate, base about equal-sided, basiscopically rounded; apex of lamina pinnatifid, terminated by a pinnatilobed, short-triangular segment. *Fertile fronds* usually longer than the sterile ones, dorsal side of rachis carinate, not winged, rachis 1–4 mm wide in the middle part; lamina deeply pinnatifid, rachis slightly winged throughout, 28–60 by 7–14 cm; pinnae glabrous, 20–35 pairs, margin entire; lowermost pinnae 1–4 pairs much shorter, deflexed and often sterile, 2–4(–7) cm apart; middle pinnae 30–80 mm long, (2–)3 mm wide, base broadly adnate; apex pinnatifid, acuminate or caudate. Paraphyses few, mostly lost, brown. Spores yellow, with reddish tubercles.

Distribution — China (Sichuan, Yunnan).

Habitat — On humus-rich forest mountain slopes, altitude 1200–2500 m.

3. *Plagiogyria egenolfioides* (Baker) Copel.

Plagiogyria egenolfioides (Baker) Copel., J. Straits Branch Roy. Asiat. Soc. 63 (1912) 72; Alderw., Malayan Ferns Suppl. 1 (1916) 244; Copel., Sarawak Museum J. 2 (1917) 387; Philipp. J. Sci. 38 (1929) 394. — *Lomaria egenolfioides* Baker, Kew Bull. (1894) 7. — *Blechnum egenolfioides* (Baker) C. Chr., Index Filic. (1906) 153. — Type: Hose 309 (holo K; iso P, fragm. BM, photogr. PE), Sarawak, Mt Dulit, alt. 5000 ft, 1891.

For further synonymy see under the varieties.

Rhizome short to c. 15 cm long or occasionally up to 50 cm long, erect, suberect, or decumbent, narrow, sometimes very woody. *Stipes* reddish-brown, of sterile fronds (0.5–)3–35(–72) cm long, of fertile fronds (2.5–)6–55(–88) cm long, base slightly, strongly, or moderately enlarged, 0.5–20 mm wide in the middle, cross section one U-shaped or one V-shaped vascular bundle, upper part of stipe tetragonal, terete, or oval, aerophores present on stipe and rachis, only on base of stipe, or seemingly absent when dry, slender, hook-shaped, with pointed apex (usually); stipes and rachises glabrous. Fronds in var. *latipinna* usually covered with an amorphous gelatinous mucilage layer when dry, dorsal side of rachis semiterete, trigonous, flattened or grooved, not winged, rachis (0.2–)0.5–4(–5) mm wide in the middle part. *Sterile lamina* subcoriaceous, not glaucous, rather thick to rather thin but firm, pinnate except the pinnatifid or pinnatilobed apex, or lower part pinnate and upper 1/3 to 1/2 pinnatifid or pinnatifid

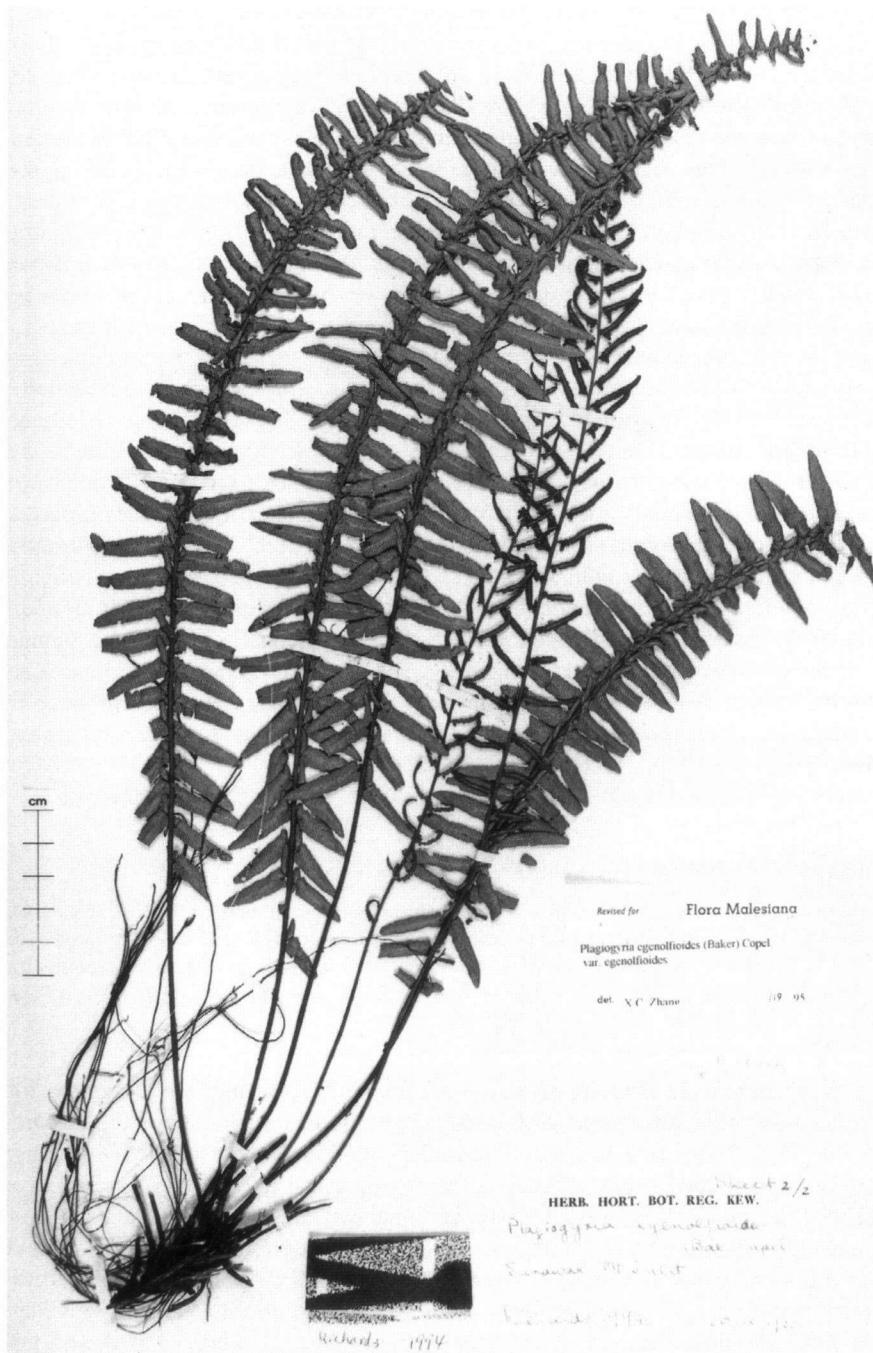


Fig. 3. *Plagiogyria egenolfioides* (Baker) Copel. var. *egenolfioides* [P.W. Richards 1994 (K), Sarawak, Mt Dulit].

except a few free basal pinnae, or rarely pinnatifid throughout, widest medially to subbasally, (4–)12–74(–100) cm long, (1–)2.5–22(–27) cm wide, index (1.68–)2–8 (–11); pinnae (6–)17–60(–80) pairs, widest near base to about the middle, veins of pinnae simple, paired at base, forked above base, or as many simple as forked, distinct, obscure, or invisible on both surfaces, stomata scattered on the lower epidermis, margin (sometimes except the apex) entire, crenate, or serrulate, most pinnae except the uppermost with equilateral or inequilateral base, acroscopic side adnate, cuneate, rounded, auriculate or attenuate; lowermost pinnae sessile, shortly stalked or rarely adnate but slightly constricted, deflexed or not, slightly, gradually, or abruptly shortened, not reduced or rarely some pinnae vestigial on stipe sided by aerophores; middle pinnae (0.5–)1–14(–20) cm long, (0.15–)0.4–1.4(–1.9) cm wide in the middle, sessile to shortly stalked, base rounded, cuneate, or auriculate; apex of lamina pinnatifid, terminated by a pinnatilobed segment or rarely by a pinna conform to lateral ones. *Fertile fronds* usually longer than the sterile ones, rarely shorter or about the same length, dorsal side of rachis semiterete, flattened, or grooved, not winged, rachis 0.5–4(–5) mm wide in the middle part; lamina pinnate throughout, pinnae nearly sessile or pinnae shortly stalked or pinnate except the apex, lower pinnae shortly stalked or pinnate, pinnae stalked, uppermost pinnatifid, pinnae base decurrent, (6–)11–60(–100) cm long, (0.7–)1.5–20(–30) cm wide; pinnae 15–72 pairs, sparsely short glandular hairy or glabrous, margin erose, entire, or subentire; lowermost pinnae the longest or gradually shortened, 0.5–4(–8) cm apart; middle pinnae (0.4–)0.8–14(–22) cm long, 1.5–6 mm wide, base slightly cordate, shortly stalked, or sessile (rarely auriculate or with one basiscopic lobe); apex pinnatifid, acuminate or caudate, rarely terminated by a pinna-like segment. Paraphyses many or few, mostly caducous, yellow, brown, or dark brown. Spores brown or yellow, with reddish tubercles.

KEY TO THE VARIETIES

- 1a. Plants small (dwarfed), aerophores obscure, only present on base of stipe
..... a. var. *egenolfioides*
- b. Plants not dwarfed, aerophores distinct, present from base of stipe to rachis . 2
- 2a. Pinnae stalked, apex of sterile lamina usually terminated by a pinna conform to lateral ones d. var. *sumatrana*
- b. Pinnae subsessile or base adnate to rachis; apex of sterile lamina usually pinnatifid 3
- 3a. Lowermost pinnae gradually shortened b. var. *decrescens*
- b. Lowermost pinnae not shortened, or only 1 to 2 pairs shorter . c. var. *latipinna*

a. var. *egenolfioides* — Fig. 3, Map 2

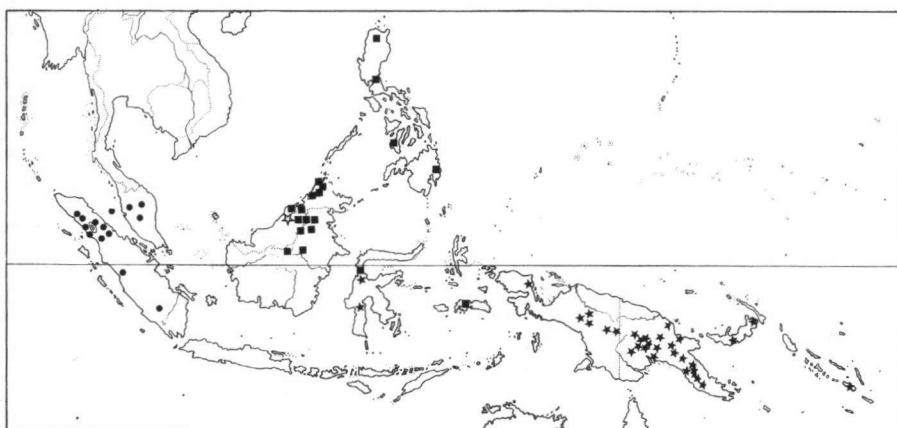
Plagiogyria egenolfioides (Baker) Copel., J. Straits Branch Roy. Asiat. Soc. 63 (1912) 72; Alderw., Malayan Ferns Suppl. 1 (1916) 244; Copel., Sarawak Museum J. 2 (1917) 387; Philipp. J. Sci. 38 (1929) 394. — *Lomaria egenolfioides* Baker, Kew Bull. (1894) 7. — *Blechnum egenolfioides* (Baker) C. Chr., Index Filic. (1906) 153. — Type: *Hose* 309 (holo K; iso P, fragm. BM, photogr. PE), Sarawak, Mt Dilit, alt. 5000 ft, 1891.

Plagiogyria minuta Copel., Philipp. J. Sci., Bot. 10 (1915) 148; Alderw., Malayan Ferns Suppl. 1 (1916) 243; Copel., Sarawak Museum J. 2 (1917) 387; Philipp. J. Sci. 38 (1929) 394, pl. 3. — Type: Native collector 939 (not '393' by Copeland 1915) (holo MICH; fragm. BM, photogr. GH, PE), Sarawak, without exact locality.

Rhizome short, erect or decumbent, narrow. *Stipe* of sterile fronds (0.5–)3–13 cm long, of fertile fronds (2.5–)6–23 cm long, base slightly enlarged, 0.5–2 mm wide in the middle, cross section one U-shaped vascular bundle or mostly one V-shaped vascular bundle, upper part of stipe tetragonal to terete or oval, aerophores only present on base of stipe or seemingly absent when dry. Fronds covered with an amorphous gelatinous mucilage layer when dry, dorsal side of rachis semiterete, grooved or flattened, rachis (0.2–)0.5–1(–1.5) mm wide in the middle part. *Sterile lamina* rather thick, pinnate except the pinnatifid or pinnatilobed apex, widest medially, (4–)14–36 cm long, (1–)2.5–5.5 cm wide, index (4–)5–7.8; pinnae (13–)20–38 pairs, widest basally, veins of pinnae simple (or forked), invisible on both surfaces, margin crenate, most pinnae except the uppermost with equilateral or inequilateral base, auriculate; lowermost pinnae sessile, deflexed, gradually shortened; middle pinnae (0.5–)1–2.5 cm long, (0.15–)0.4–0.6 cm wide in the middle, sessile, base auriculate (auricle up to 0.8 cm long, and pinnatilobed); apex of lamina pinnatifid, terminated by a pinnatilobed segment. *Fertile fronds* usually longer than the sterile ones, dorsal side of rachis semiterete or grooved or flattened, rachis 0.5–1 mm wide in the middle part; lamina pinnate throughout, pinnae shortly stalked or nearly sessile, (6–)11–25 cm long, (0.7–)1.5–3.5 cm wide; pinnae 22–28 pairs, glabrous, margin erose; lowermost pinnae gradually shortened, 0.5–0.8 cm apart; middle pinnae (0.4–)0.8–1.5 cm long, 1.5–2 mm wide, base shortly stalked or slightly cordate (or auriculate, sometimes with one basiscopic lobe); apex pinnatifid, acuminate or caudate. Paraphyses few, mostly lost or absent, dark brown. Spores brown, with reddish tubercles.

Distribution — Endemic to Sarawak, three collections from Mt Dulit.

Habitat — On shaded sandstone cliff, growing with *Dipteris conjugata*, altitude 1230–1500 m.



Map 2. Distribution of: ● *Plagiogyria egenolfioides* (Baker) Copel. var. *sumatrana* (Rosenst.) X.C. Zhang & Noot.; ★ *P. egenolfioides* var. *decrescens* (C. Chr.) X.C. Zhang & Noot.; ☆ *P. egenolfioides* var. *egenolfioides*; ■ *P. egenolfioides* var. *latipinna* (Copel.) X.C. Zhang & Noot.

b. var. *decrescens* (C. Chr.) X.C. Zhang & Noot., comb. nov. — Fig. 4, Map 2

Plagiogyria tuberculata Copel. var. *decrescens* C. Chr., Brittonia 2 (1937) 284. — Type: *Brass 4746* (holo BM; photogr. PE), Papua New Guinea, Central Division, Wharton Range, Murray Pass, alt. 2840 m, 8-VIII-1933.

Blechnum pendulum Brause, Bot. Jahrb. Syst. (1920) 157. — *Struthiopteris pendula* (Brause) Ching, Sunyatsenia 5 (1940) 243. — *Plagiogyria pendula* (Brause) Chambers ex Nakaike, Bull. Nat. Sci. Mus. Tokyo 17 (1991) 92, f. 13. — Type: *Ledermann 11927* (holo B; photogr. BM, PE), Papua New Guinea, Sepik, 'Baumkronen', alt. 2070 m, 2-VI-1913.

Plagiogyria novoguineensis Alderw., Nova Guinea 14 (1923) 36. — Type: *Lam 1860* (holo BO, n.v.; fragm. L, photogr. BM, K, PE), New Guinea, Doorman summit, alt. 2950 m, 30-X-1920.

Plagiogyria papuana C. Chr., Brittonia 2 (1937) 285, non Alston (1939); Nakaike, Bull. Nat. Sci. Mus. Tokyo 17 (1991) 92. — Syntypes: *Brass 4317* (BM, photogr. PE), Papua New Guinea, Central Division, Mt Albert Edward, alt. 3680 m, 23-VI-1933; ibid., *Brass 4483* (BM, NY, photogr. PE), alt. 3680 m, 10-VII-1933.

Plagiogyria tuberculata auct. non Copel.: C. Chr., Brittonia 2 (1937) 284.

Rhizome short to c. 15 cm long or occasionally up to 50 cm long, erect, suberect, or decumbent. *Stipes* reddish-brown, of sterile fronds 6–35(–72) cm long, of fertile fronds 16–50(–88) cm long, base strongly or moderately enlarged, 5–15 mm wide in the middle, cross section one U-shaped vascular bundle, upper part of stipe tetragonal, aerophores present on stipe and rachis, slender, hook-shaped, with pointed apex. Fronds covered with an amorphous gelatinous mucilage layer when dry, dorsal side of rachis semiterete to trigonous or grooved, rachis (1–)2–4(–5) mm wide in the middle part. *Sterile lamina* rather thick, lower part pinnate, upper 1/3 to 1/2 pinnatifid, widest medially, 12–74 cm long, (1.5–)3–13(–26) cm wide, index (2.5–)5–8(–11); pinnae (strongly ascending) (18–)30–60(–80) pairs, widest below or about the middle, veins of pinnae simple to as many simple as forked, distinct to obscure on both surfaces, margin entire, most pinnae except the uppermost with inequilateral to equilateral base, rounded to cuneate; lowermost pinnae sessile to shortly stalked, not deflexed, usually gradually shortened, some pinnae vestigial on stipe sited by aerophores (sometimes a few pairs); middle pinnae (1.3–)3.5–7(–18) cm long, (0.3–)0.5–1 cm wide in the middle, sessile to rarely shortly stalked, base rounded or cuneate (when dry); uppermost pinnae adnate, base unequal-sided, basiscopically decurrent into rachis wing to straight to the rachis; apex of lamina pinnatifid, sometimes terminated by a pinnatilobed or a pinna-like segment. *Fertile fronds* usually longer than the sterile ones, sometimes shorter (or about the same length, sometimes from the high grasslands), dorsal side of rachis semiterete, trigonous or grooved, rachis (1–)2–4(–5) mm wide in the middle part; lamina pinnate except the apex, lower pinnae shortly stalked, 18–54(–90) cm long, 3–12(–25) cm wide; pinnae sparsely bearing short glandular hairs, 25–70 pairs, margin erose; lowermost pinnae gradually shortened, (0.8–)1–3(–6) cm apart; middle pinnae 3–14 cm long, 3–5 mm wide, base sessile, slightly cordate, or shortly stalked; apex pinnatifid, acuminate or caudate. Paraphyses many, yellow to (glossy) brown. Spores brown, with reddish tubercles.

Distribution — Sulawesi, Moluccas (Seram), New Guinea, S New Ireland, Solomon Islands (Guadalcanal); very common at high elevations in New Guinea.

Habitat — Forming large spots in fire-induced, treefern-dominated grasslands, and subalpine shrubbery, in primary cloud forest, rarely as an epiphyte, altitude 1250–4000 m.

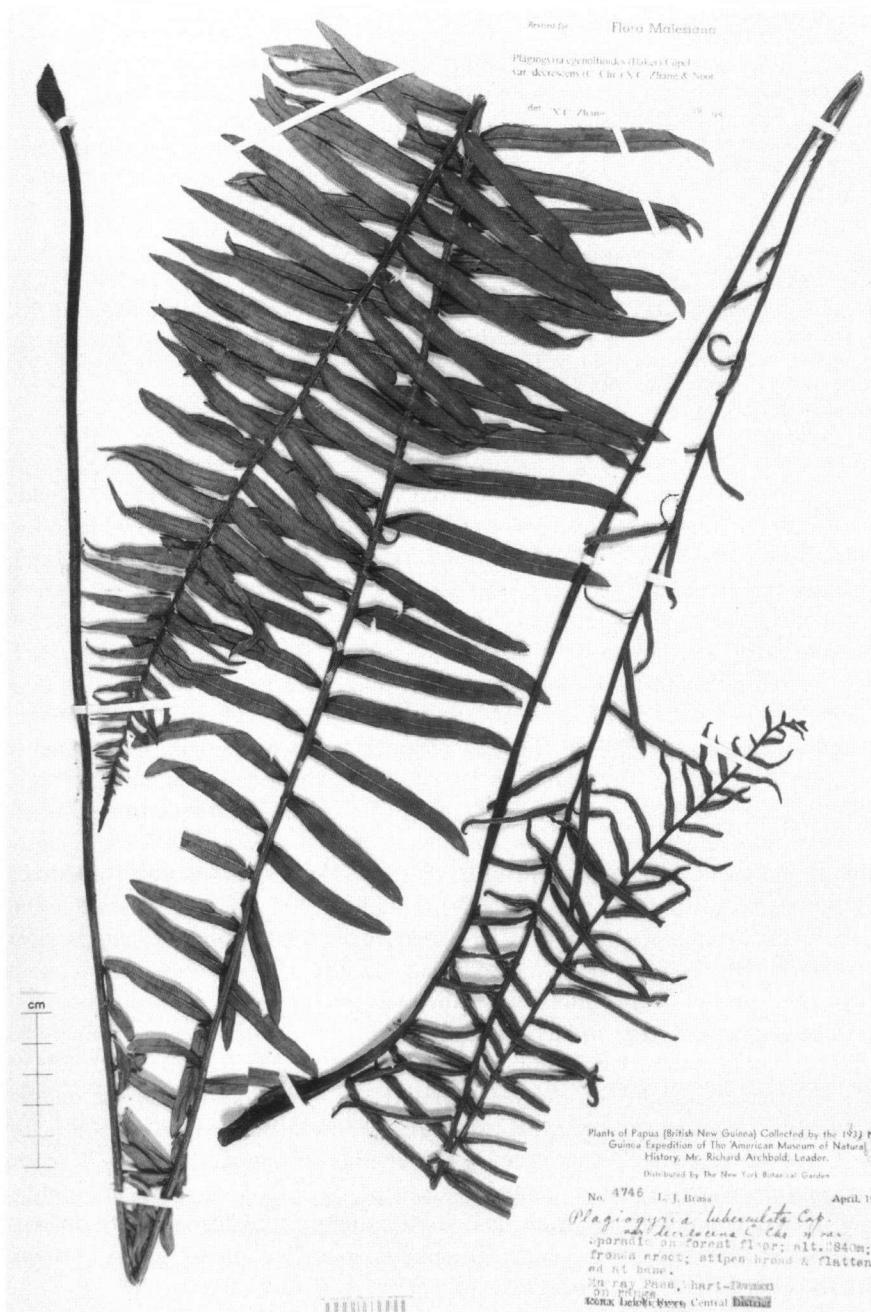


Fig. 4. *Plagiogyria egenolfioides* (Baker) Copel. var. *decrescens* (C. Chr.) X.C. Zhang & Noot. [L.J. Brass 4746 (GH), Papua New Guinea, Central, Murray Pass].



Fig. 5. *Plagiogyria egenolfioides* (Baker) Copel. var. *latipinna* (Copel.) X.C. Zhang & Noot. [Merrill 5962 (US), Philippines, Mindoro, Mt Halcon].

Chromosome number — Walker (1973) reported $n = 66$ under the name of *P. tuberculata* Copel.

Note — Hennipman (1968) made a detailed study of the mucilage-producing glandular hairs on the base of stipes of this variety and *P. pycnophylla*. He found that the hairs of the two species show certain difference in orientation and in shape and size of stalk and the capitate glandular cell. Our observation confirmed his report, but this character is not very useful in practice for distinguishing species.

c. var. *latipinna* (Copel.) X.C. Zhang & Noot., comb. nov. — Fig. 5, Map 2

Plagiogyria tuberculata Copel. var. *latipinna* Copel., Philipp. J. Sci., Bot. 2 (1907) 133; Alderw., Malayan Ferns (1908) 826. — Type: *Merrill 5962* (iso GH, US, photogr. PE), Philippines, Mt Halcon, alt. 2400 m, XI-1906.

Plagiogyria tuberculata Copel., Philipp. J. Sci. 1, Suppl. (1906) 153; Alderw., Malayan Ferns (1908) 343; C. Chr., Mitt. Inst. Allg. Bot. Hamburg 7 (1) (1927) 154; Copel., Philipp. J. Sci. 38 (1929) 391, p.p., excl. pl. Borneo, Sumatra; Fern Fl. Philipp. 2 (1960) 194, p.p., excl. pl. New Guinea, Borneo, Sumatra; K. Iwats. & M.G. Price, South East Asia Studies 14 (1977) 550; Parris, Stud. Fl. Gunung Mulu Nat. Park, Sarawak (1984) 177; M. Kato, Acta Phytotax. Geobot. 40 (1989) 91. — Type: *Copeland 1924* (holo MICH-Herb. E.B. Copeland No. 33), Luzon, Lepanto, Bagnen, alt. 6500 ft, 4-XI-1905.

Plagiogyria tuberculata Copel. var. *gracilis* Copel., Leafl. Philipp. Bot. 2 (1908) 405; Alderw., Malayan Ferns Suppl. 1 (1916) 244. — Type: *Elmer 9740* (BM, F, GH, K, L, NY, P, U, US), Philippines, Negros, Mt Cuernos, alt. 1800 m, IV-1908.

Plagiogyria pycnophylla (Kunze) Mett. var. *integra* Copel., Philipp. J. Sci., Bot. 5 (1910) 285; Alderw., Malayan Ferns Suppl. 1 (1916) 244; Copel., Sarawak Museum J. 2 (1917) 388. — Type: *Brooks s.n.* (BM), Sarawak, Mt Bengkarum, Sambas River, alt. 3500 ft, IX-1908.

Plagiogyria pycnophylla (Kunze) Mett. var. *integra* Copel. subvar. *stenophylla* Bonap., Notes Pterid. 14 (1923) 484. — Type: *Mjöberg 9* (holo P; iso US), Sarawak, Mt Murud, alt 5000–6000 ft, 1922-1923.

Plagiogyria rotundipinnata Bonap., Notes Pterid. 14 (1923) 484; Copel., Philipp. J. Sci. 38 (1929) 395. — Type: *Mjöberg 7* (holo P; iso K, photogr. BM, PE), Sarawak, Mt Murud, summit, alt. 8000 ft, 1922-1923.

Plagiogyria clemensiae Copel., Philipp. J. Sci. 38 (1929) 395, pl. 4; C. Chr. & Holtum, Gard. Bull. Str. Settlem. 7 (1934) 225; Tagawa, Acta Phytotax. Geobot. 26 (1974) 113; Parris et al., Pl. Mount Kinabalu 1 (1992) 97. — Type: *Clemens 10589* (holo MICH-Herb. E.B. Copeland No. 26, fragm. BM-Herb. C. Christensen, photogr. GH, NY, PE), Borneo, Mt Kinabalu, Pakal Cave, alt. 3000 m, 12-14-XI-1915.

Rhizome short to c. 15 cm long, erect to decumbent, narrow and very woody. *Stipes* of sterile fronds (6-)10-35(-45) cm long, of fertile fronds 22-55(-66) cm long, base strongly or moderately enlarged, 4-20 mm wide in the middle, cross section one U-shaped vascular bundle (but in smaller plants more like a V-shaped form), upper part of stipe tetragonal, aerophores present on stipe and rachis, slender, hook-shaped, with pointed apex (usually short). Fronds usually covered with an amorphous gelatinous mucilage layer when dry, dorsal side of rachis usually semiterete, trigonous, grooved, or sometimes flattened, rachis 1-2(-4) mm wide in the middle part. *Sterile lamina* rather thin to rather thick, lower part pinnate, upper 1/3 to 1/2 pinnatifid to pinnatifid except a few free basal pinnae (or pinnatifid, the Kinabalu high elevation population), widest medially to subbasally, (10-)20-50(-66) cm long, 5-18(-22) cm wide, index 2-4; pinnae 20-40(-60) pairs, widest medially (usually, rarely widest at the base in the pinnatifid form), veins of pinnae simple or paired at base or forked above base

(few veins), distinct on both surfaces, margin usually completely entire, sometimes except the apex, most pinnae except the uppermost with equilateral base, cuneate, rounded, attenuate, or acroscopic side adnate; lowermost pinnae sessile to shortly stalked or rarely adnate but slightly constricted, usually slightly deflexed, abruptly or slightly shortened; middle pinnae (3-)4-10(-20) cm long, (0.4-)0.6-0.9(-1.4) cm wide in the middle, sessile to rarely shortly stalked, basiscopic side rounded, partly free from rachis, straight to rachis, or round, base cuneate or rounded (sometimes attenuate); uppermost pinnae adnate, base unequal- to about equal-sided, basiscopically decurrent into rachis wing or rarely rounded; apex of lamina pinnatifid, terminated by a pinnatilobed, short-triangular to pinnatilobed, long-triangular or pinna-like segment (very rare, up to 10 cm long, base connected with upper shorter lateral pinnae). *Fertile fronds* usually longer than the sterile ones, dorsal side of rachis semiterete, flattened, or grooved, rachis 1-2(-5) mm wide in the middle part; lamina pinnate except the apex, lower pinnae shortly stalked, (8-)20-45(-65) cm long, (3-)7-20(-26) cm wide; pinnae usually sparsely bearing short glandular hairs or glabrous, 15-50(-72) pairs, margin entire or subentire; 1-2(-4) cm apart; middle pinnae 4-11(-16) cm long, 2-3 mm wide, base sessile to shortly stalked; apex pinnatifid, acuminate or caudate, or terminated by a pinna-like segment, or rarely by a pinna conform with the lateral ones, which is often beaded at the base. Paraphyses many, yellow to dark brown. Spores yellow, with reddish tubercles.

Distribution — Borneo, Philippines, Sulawesi, Moluccas (Seram).

Habitat — A common constituent on floor of mossy forest, in deep shade, rarely epiphyte on moss-covered tree trunks, altitude 1200-4000 m.

d. var. *sumatrana* (Rosenst.) X.C. Zhang & Noot., comb. & stat. nov.

Fig. 6, Map 2

Plagiogyria sumatrana Rosenst., Feddes Repert. Spec. Nov. Regni Veg. 13 (1914) 214; Alderw., Malayan Ferns Suppl. 1 (1916) 244; Bull. Jard. Bot. Buitenzorg III, 2 (1920) 164; Copel., Philipp. J. Sci. 38 (1929) 392. — Type: Winkler in Rosenstock, Filic. Sumatra Exp. 127 (BM, K, L, P), Sumatra, Batakland, 1911.

Plagiogyria subrigida Alderw., Bull. Jard. Bot. Buitenzorg III, 2 (1920) 163. — Syntypes: Bünneleijer 4122 (K, L, U), Sumatra, Mt Malintang, alt. 2000 m, 29-VII-1910; Lörzing 6006 (L), Sumatra, Mt Sibajak, alt. 2000 m, 28-VIII-1910.

Plagiogyria integrifinnata Bonap., Notes Pterid. 14 (1923) 60. — Type: Haniff & Nur 8144 (holo P), Malaya, Peninsula, Gunung Tahan, alt. 5500 ft, 11-VI-1922.

Plagiogyria malayensis R.D. Dixit & A. Das, Fern Gaz. 12 (1981) 182, photogr. 1. — Type: Wray 317 (holo CAL; iso BM), Malaya, Peninsula, Perak, summit of Gunung Batu Puteh, 6700 ft. Paratype: Scortechni 397 (CAL), Malaya, Peninsula, without exact locality.

Plagiogyria tahanensis Miyamoto & H. Ohba, Acta Phytotax. Geobot. 43 (1992) 31, f. 1 A-H. — Type: Miyamoto, F. 89-373 (holo TI), Malaya, Peninsula, Pahang, summit of Gunung Tahan, alt. 1600 m.

Plagiogyria tuberculata auct. non Copel.: Holttum, Revis. Fl. Malaya 2, ed. 2 (1966) 111; A.G. Piggott, Ferns of Malaysia in Colour (1988) 88, photogr. 252-255; Miyamoto & H. Ohba, Acta Phytotax. Geobot. 43 (1992) 32, f. 1 I.

Rhizome short to c. 15 cm long, erect to decumbent, narrow and very woody. *Stipe* of sterile fronds (2-)12-30(-40) cm long, of fertile fronds (4-)24-45 cm long, base strongly enlarged, 3-15 mm wide in the middle, cross section one U-shaped vascular bundle, upper part of stipe tetragonal, aerophores present on stipe and rachis (sometimes



Fig. 6. *Plagiogyria egenolfioides* (Baker) Copel. var. *sumatrana* (Rosenst.) X.C. Zhang & Noot. [Rosenstock, Filic. Sumatr. Ex. 127, leg. by Winkler (L), Sumatra, Batakerland].

absent on stipe, and not prominent), slender, hook-shaped, with pointed apex (usually). Fronds covered with an amorphous gelatinous mucilage layer when dry, dorsal side of rachis grooved (usually), flattened, semiterete, or trigonous, rachis (0.5–)2–3(–5) mm wide in the middle part. *Sterile lamina* rather thick, pinnate except the pinnatifid or pinnatilobed apex or lower part pinnate, upper 1/3 to 1/2 pinnatifid, widest medially to subbasally, (5–)30–60(–100) cm long, (2.5–)13–22(–27) cm wide, index (1.68–) 2–3.85(–6.13); pinnae (6–)17–39 pairs, widest below or about the middle, veins of pinnae simple to rarely as many simple as forked, distinct to obscure on both surfaces, margin entire or rarely serrulate, most pinnae except the uppermost with equilateral to inequilateral base, cuneate to rounded; lowermost pinnae shortly stalked (sometimes stalk up to 1 cm long), not deflexed, gradually to abruptly shortened (2 or 3 pairs); middle pinnae (1.5–)6–14 cm long, (0.4–)0.7–1.4(–1.9) cm wide in the middle, sessile to shortly stalked, base rounded or cuneate; uppermost pinnae adnate, base unequal-sided, basiscopically decurrent into rachis wing or rounded; apex of lamina pinnatifid or terminated by a pinna-like (2–7 cm long) or pinnatilobed, long-triangular segment, rarely terminated by a pinna conform to lateral ones with free base, shortly stalked, 11 cm long. *Fertile fronds* usually longer than the sterile ones, dorsal side of rachis grooved, flattened, or semiterete, rachis 1–4(–5) mm wide in the middle part; lamina pinnate, pinnae stalked, uppermost pinnatifid, pinnae base decurrent, (12–)35–60 (–100) cm long, (2–)9–15(–30) cm wide; pinnae sparsely short glandular hairy or glabrous, 16–30 pairs, margin erose; lowermost pinnae not shortened (short to long stalked, rarely one or two pairs shorter), (2–)4(–8) cm apart; middle pinnae (2.5–)7–13(–22) cm long, (3–)4–5(–6) mm wide, base shortly stalked; apex pinnatifid, terminated by a pinna-like segment (usually 2–4 cm long). Paraphyses many, dark brown or yellow. Spores brown, with reddish tubercles.

Distribution — Sumatra, Peninsular Malaysia.

Habitat — Common in open forest and low scrub, on rather dry ground, in light shade, also on rocks in fairly open places, altitude 1000–2500 m.

4. *Plagiogyria eupblebia* (Kunze) Mett. — Fig. 7

Plagiogyria eupblebia (Kunze) Mett., Farnott. II (1858) 274; Bedd., Handb. Ferns Brit. India (1892) 129; Makino, Bot. Mag. (Tokyo) 8 (1894) 334; H. Christ, Bull. Soc. Bot. France (Mém.) 1 (1905) 63; C. Chr., Acta Horti Gothob. 1 (1924) 92; Ridl., J. Malayan Branch Roy. Asiat. Soc. 4 (1926) 35; Nakai, Bot. Mag. (Tokyo) 42 (1928) 206; Tak. Itô, Ill. Pl. Formos. Suppl. (1928) pl. 199; Copel., Philipp. J. Sci. 38 (1929) 387; Hand.-Mazz., Symb. Sin. 6 (1929) 38; Ogata, Icon. Filic. Jap. 4 (1931) pl. 184; C. Chr., Contr. U.S. Natl. Herb. 26 (1931) 310; Y.C. Wu et al., Bull. Dept. Biol. Sun Yatsen Univ. 3 (1932) 224, pl. 103; C. Chr. & Tardieu, Notul. Syst. (Paris) 6 (1937) 134; Tardieu & C. Chr., Fl. Indo-Chine 6 (1939) 74; Ohwi, Fl. Japan (1957) 51; Ching, Acta Phytotax. Sin. 7 (1958) 117, 140; Fl. Reipubl. Popul. Sin. 2 (1959) 91; Tagawa, Col. Ill. Jap. Pterid. (1959) 69, 239, pl. 21, f. 127; B.K. Nayar & F. Kazmi, Bull. Nat. Bot. Gard. 64 (1962) 18, f. 8; Nakaike, Bull. Nat. Sci. Mus. Tokyo 14 (1971) 259; Shing, Iconogr. Cormoph. Sinicorum 1 (1972) 125, f. 250; De Vol, Taiwania 17 (1972) 282, pl. 1, f. 4–5; De Vol & C.Y. Lu, Fl. Taiwan 1 (1975) 141, pl. 47; Hatusi, Fl. Ryukyus (1975) 143; Nakaike, Enum. Pterid. Jap. Filic. (1975) 7; Kurata & Nakaike, Ill. Pterid. Jap. 1 (1979); R.D. Dixit & A. Das, Proc. Indian Acad. Sci. (Plant Sci.) 90 (1981) 375, photogr. 1; L.K. Lin, Fl. Fujianica 1 (1982) 29; Baishya & R.R. Rao, Ferns and Fern-allies of Meghalaya State, India (1982) 48; M.Q. Jiang, Fl. Anhui 1 (1985) 47, f. 37; H.S. Kung, Fl. Sichuanica 6 (1986) 120; K. Iwats., Himalayan Plants 1 (1988) 247; Jamir & R.R. Rao, Ferns of Nagaland (1988) 44, pl. 2; Numata

- et al., Ecol. Encycl. Wild Pl. Jap. (1990) 36; P.H. Hô, Ill. Fl. Vietnam 1 (1991) 52, f. 90, *Plagiogyra*; Nakaike, New Fl. Jap. Pterid. (1992) 232, photogr. 232; K. Iwats., Ferns and Fern Allies of Japan (1992) 76, pl. 28, photogr. 1–3; J.F. Cheng, Fl. Jiangxi 1 (1993) 59, f. 44; C.F. Zhang, Fl. Zhejiang 1 (1993) 33, f. 1–34; X.C. Zhang, Expl. Pl. Resou. Mt Jiawanshan, Guangxi (1993) 208; W.C. Shieh et al., Fl. Taiwan 1, ed. 2 (1994) 135, pl. 51. — *Lomaria euphlebia* Kunze, Bot. Zeitung (Berlin) (1848) 521; Farrnkräuter (1850) 61, t. 125; Hook., Sp. Fil. 3 (1860) 21; Franch. & Sav., Enum. Pl. Jap. (1879) 216; C.B. Clarke, Trans. Linn. Soc. London II, Bot. 1 (1880) 478, excl. *L. articulata*. — Lectotype: *Zollinger* in Herb. Zollinger & Moritzi No. 1 (L), Japan. Syntype: *Göring* 128 (Herb. Römer).
- [*Acrostichum triquetrum* Wall., Cat. (1828) no. 23, nom. nud.] — [*Olfersia triquetra* C. Presl, Tent. Pterid. (1836) 235, nom. nud.] — [*Stenochlaena triquetra* J. Sm., J. Bot. (Hooker) 4 (1841) 149, nom. nud.; C. Presl, Epim. Bot. (1851) 165, nom. nud.] — [*Lomaria triquetra* T. Moore, Index Fil. (1857) 14, nom. nud.] — *Plagiogyria triquetra* Wall. ex Mett., Farnatt. II (1858) 274; Spreng. ex Salomon, Nomencl. Gefässkrypt. (1883) 282, pro syn.; B.K. Nayar & F. Kazmi, Bull. Nat. Bot. Gard. 64 (1962) 23, f. 10; F. Kazmi, J. Bomb. Nat. Hist. Soc. 59 (1962) 698; R.D. Dixit & A. Das, Proc. Indian Acad. Sci. (Plant Sci.) 90 (1981) 376, photogr. 4. — *Lomariopsis triquetra* (Wall. ex Mett.) Ettingsh., Farnkräuter Jetztw. (1865) 13, t. 5, f. 1, 6; t. 6, f. 5. — *Plagiogyria euphlebia* (Kunze) Mett. var. *triquetra* (Wall. ex Mett.) Ching, Acta Phytotax. Sin. 7 (1958) 117, 141; Fl. Reipubl. Popul. Sin. 2 (1959) 91. — Type: *Wallich* 23 (holo K; iso BM, P), Nepal, 1821. See note 1.
- Plagiogyria christii* Copel., Philipp. J. Sci. 1, Suppl. (1906) 153; Philipp. J. Sci., Bot. 2 (1907) 133; Alderw., Malayan Ferns (1908) 342, 826; Copel., Philipp. J. Sci. 38 (1929) 388; Fern Fl. Philipp. 2 (1960) 194; R.D. Dixit & A. Das, Proc. Indian Acad. Sci. (Plant Sci.) 90 (1981) 375, photogr. 2. — Type: *Copeland* 1509 (MICH, n.v.), Philippines, Mt Apo, 1500–1800 m.
- Stenochlaena henryi* H. Christ, Notul. Syst. (Paris) 1 (1909) 48, non *Plagiogyria henryi* H. Christ (1899). — Type: *Henry* 9164 (PE, US), Yunnan, Mengtze, SE Mt, alt. 7000 ft.
- Plagiogyria grandis* Copel., Philipp. J. Sci. 38 (1929) 389, pl. 1; C. Chr., Bull. Dept. Biol. Sun Yat-sen Univ. 6 (1933) 13; Ching, Acta Phytotax. Sin. 7 (1958) 115, 138; Fl. Reipubl. Popul. Sin. 2 (1959) 88; Nakaike, Bull. Nat. Sci. Mus. Tokyo 14 (1971) 260, pl. 2, f. 1; L.K. Lin, Fl. Fujianica 1 (1982) 27; J.F. Cheng, Fl. Jiangxi 1 (1993) 59; C.F. Zhang, Fl. Zhejiang 1 (1993) 32. — *Plagiogyria euphlebia* (Kunze) Mett. var. *grandis* (Copel.) De Vol, Taiwania 17 (1972) 282; De Vol & C.Y. Lu, Fl. Taiwan 1 (1975) 142. — Type: *Cavalerie* s.n. in Rosenstock, Fil. Chin. Exp. 171 (holo US; iso GH, NY, photogr. PE), Guizhou, Guiding, Yunwu (Pin-fa), X-1912. See note 3.
- Plagiogyria koidzumii* Tagawa, Acta Phytotax. Geobot. 2 (1933) 189; Ogata, Icon. Filic. Jap. 8 (1940) pl. 388; De Vol, Taiwania 17 (1972) 286, pl. 4; De Vol & C.Y. Lu, Fl. Taiwan 1 (1975) 145; Hatus., Fl. Ryukyu (1975) 143; Nakaike, Enum. Pterid. Jap. Filic. (1975) 8; E. Walker, Fl. Okinawa & S. Ryukyu Is. (1976) 72; Kurata & Nakaike, Ill. Pterid. Jap. 2 (1981) 10; Nakaike, New Fl. Jap. Pterid. (1992) 234, photogr. 234; W.C. Shieh et al., Fl. Taiwan 1, ed. 2 (1994) 137. — Type: *Koidzumi* s.n. (holo KYO, n.v.; iso BM, L, photogr. PE), Japan, Iriomote Isl., 1–20-VII-1923. See note 2.
- Plagiogyria maxima* C. Chr., Bull. Mus. Paris II 6 (1934) 105; Tardieu & C. Chr., Fl. Indo-Chine 6 (1939) 73; Ching, Acta Phytotax. Sin. 7 (1958) 116, 139; Fl. Reipubl. Popul. Sin. 2 (1959) 89; P.H. Hô, Ill. Fl. Vietnam 1 (1991) 52, f. 92, ‘*Plagiogyra*’. — Type: *Colani*, Herb. Ecole sup. Hanoi 1968 (holo BM; iso PE), Tonkin, Chapa, XI-1924.
- Plagiogyria attenuata* Ching, Acta Phytotax. Sin. 7 (1958) 116, 139, pl. 30, f. 1; Fl. Reipubl. Popul. Sin. 2 (1959) 90. — Type: *W.T. Tsang* 25526 (holo PE), Guangdong, Huiyang, Mt Lianghuashan, 11-31-1935.
- Plagiogyria chinensis* Ching, Acta Phytotax. Sin. 7 (1958) 116, 140, pl. 30, f. 2; Fl. Reipubl. Popul. Sin. 2 (1959) 90; R.D. Dixit & A. Das, Proc. Indian Acad. Sci. (Plant Sci.) 90 (1981) 376, photogr. 3; L.K. Lin, Fl. Fujianica 1 (1982) 28, f. 26; J.F. Cheng, Fl. Jiangxi 1 (1993) 58, f. 43; C.F. Zhang, Fl. Zhejiang 1 (1993) 32, f. 1–33. — Type: *Fujian Academy of Sciences* s.n. (holo PE), Fujian, Mt Wuyi, Xianfengling, 16-VIII-1952.
- Plagiogyria integrifolia* Ching, Acta Phytotax. Sin. 7 (1958) 116, 139, pl. 29, f. 1–2; Fl. Reipubl. Popul. Sin. 2 (1959) 89. — Type: *K.M. Feng* 232 (holo PE), Yunnan, Pingbian, Mt Daweishan.

Plagiogyria elongata R.D. Dixit & A. Das, Proc. Indian Acad. Sci. (Plant Sci.) 90 (1981) 377, photogr. 5.—Syntypes: Choudhury 29660 (CAL, n.v.); Clarke 18853d (K), Khasia, alt. 1300 m, 15-X-1872.

Plagiogyria gigantea auct. non Ching: P.H. Hö, Ill. Fl. Vietnam 1 (1991) 52, f. 91, p.p. quoad fig., 'Plagiogyra'.

Plagiogyria scandens auct. non Mett.: Khullar, Ill. Fern Fl. West Himalayas 1 (1994) 42, pl. 17.

Rhizome short, erect to decumbent, narrow, sometimes very woody. *Stipes* stramineous to brownish, of sterile fronds (7–)25–35(–70) cm long, of fertile fronds (9–)40–77 cm long, base slightly to strongly enlarged, 5–10(–20) mm wide in the middle, in cross section one V-shaped to one U-shaped vascular bundle, upper part of stipe terete or oval (usually) or tetragonal, aerophores only present on base of stipe or seemingly absent at dry stage, present on base of stipe and lower part of rachis, or present on stipe and rachis, cushion-like; rachises glabrous to hairy to sometimes densely hairy. Fronds not covered with an amorphous gelatinous mucilage layer when dry, dorsal side of rachis semiterete (usually), flattened or grooved, not winged, rachis 1–2(–5) mm wide in the middle part. *Sterile lamina* herbaceous to firm herbaceous to subcoriaceous (very rare, in plants found near the sea), not glaucous, pinnate, apical pinna base free, or sometimes connected with upper lateral ones or rarely pinnate except the pinnatifid or pinnatilobed apex, widest basally to medially, (11–)20–60(–136) cm long, (7–)12–30(–40) cm wide, index 1.36–2.5(–3.8); pinnae 7–25 pairs, widest medially, veins of pinnae simple to as many simple as forked, distinct on both surfaces, stomata scattered on the lower epidermis, margin serrulate or towards the base entire or nearly so, most pinnae except the uppermost with equilateral, cuneate, rounded, or attenuate base; lowermost pinnae shortly stalked or rarely sessile, not deflexed, not or slightly shortened (the basal pair); middle pinnae (5–)11–17(–30) cm long, 0.9–2 (–2.6) cm wide in the middle, shortly stalked or sessile, base cuneate or rounded; apex of lamina terminated by a pinna conform to lateral ones or rarely pinnatifid, base with 1–3 irregular auricles or free, shortly stalked, or connected with 1 or 2 shorter lateral pinnae (sometimes connected with more than 2 pairs), (4–)7–10(–30) cm long, terminated by a pinnatilobed, short-triangular or pinna-like segment. *Fertile fronds* usually longer than the sterile ones, rarely shorter or about the same length, dorsal side of rachis semiterete (usually), flattened, or grooved, not winged, rachis 1–2(–5) mm wide in the middle part; lamina pinnate throughout, pinnae shortly stalked or nearly sessile, (9–)20–50(–80) cm long, (3–)10–20(–33) cm wide; pinnae glabrous or sparsely bearing short glandular hairs, 7–25 pairs, margin entire, subentire, or erose; lowermost pinnae not shortened (or the basal pair shorter), (1–)4–6(–8) cm apart; middle pinnae (2–)7–20(–33) cm long, 2–4(–5) mm wide, base shortly stalked to sessile; apex terminated by a pinna conform with the lateral ones, which is often beaded at the base. Paraphyses many, brown. Spores yellow or brown, with reddish tubercles.

Distribution — Japan, China (Anhui, Zhejiang, Fujian, Hubei, Hunan, Jiangxi, Guangdong, Guangxi, Taiwan, Sichuan, Guizhou, Yunnan), Nepal, India, Burma, Vietnam, Philippines.

Habitat — In forest, altitude 50–2500 m, usually 600–1500 m; in Japan 50–650 m.

Chromosome number — Kurita (1963) and Tsai (1973) reported $n = c.$ 125 and $n = 125$, respectively; Nakato & Mitui (1983) reported $2n = 260$.



Fig. 7. *Plagiogyria euphlebia* (Kunze) Mett. [T. Nakaike 27 (L), Japan, Shizuoka].

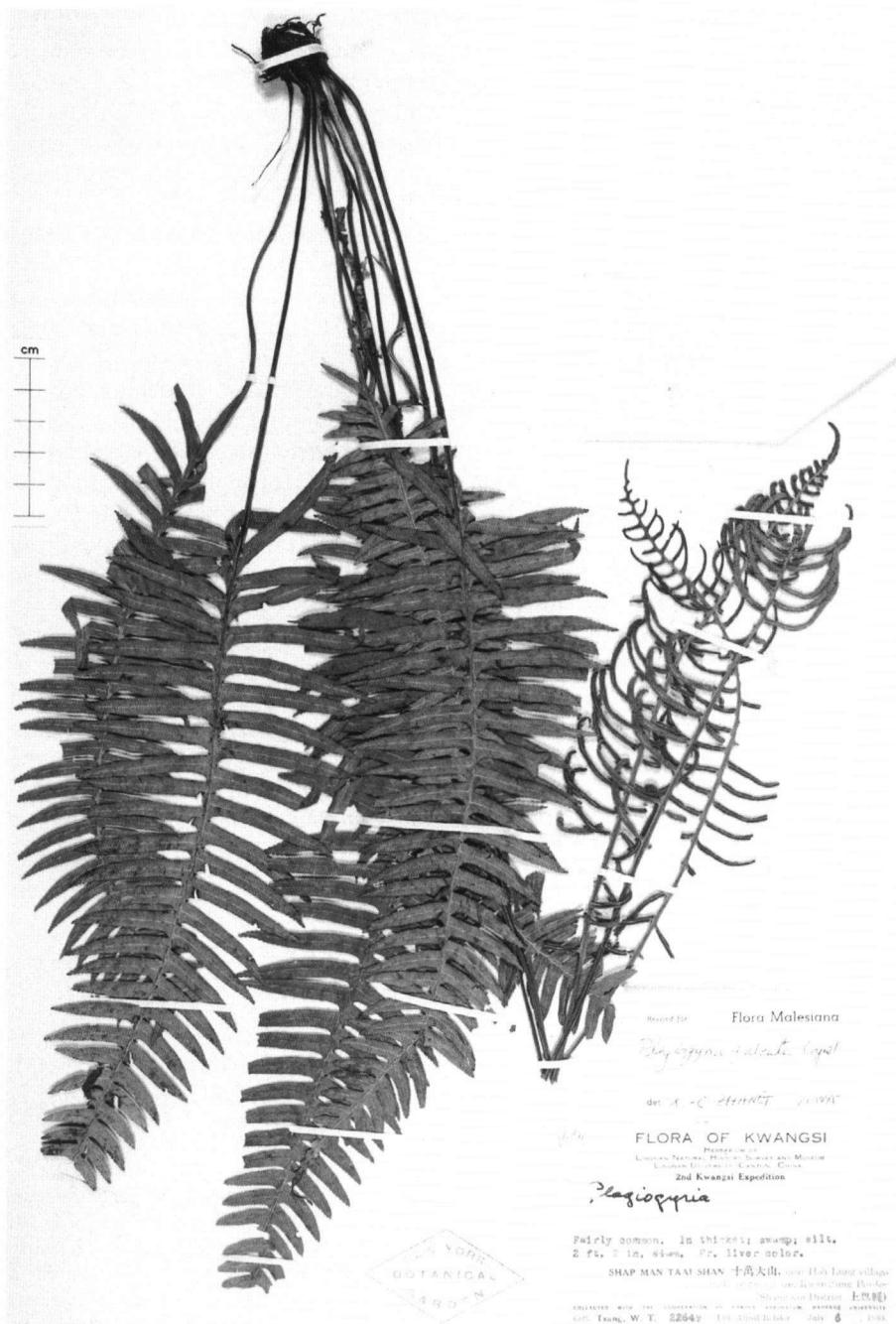


Fig. 8. *Plagiogyria falcata* Copel. [W. T. Tsang 22649 (NY), China, Guangxi, Shangsi].

Notes — 1. Hooker (1860) and Clarke (1880) assumed that Wallich distributed two different species under the single name of *Acrostichum triquetrum*, namely *P. euphlebia* and *P. pycnophylla*. This is also one of the reasons why Pichi Sermolli (1972) did not select *P. triquetra* Mett. as lectotype of *Plagiogyria*. Wallich's no. 23 preserved in BM, K, and P represents only one species, e.g. *P. euphlebia*, which seems to be the only species of *Plagiogyria* collected by Wallich. Dixit & Das (1981) found *Wallich no. 23* in CAL to be identical with the one in K. They recognised *P. triquetra* as a distinct species from *P. euphlebia* and hence supported the selection of it as the lectotype of *Plagiogyria* by J. Smith (1875).

2. *Plagiogyria koidzumii* seems to be a distinct species by its pinnatifid lamina apex, horizontally decumbent rhizome, shorter fertile fronds and relatively longer sterile fronds. Few collections from the type locality all show large smooth spores. From our point of view, the pinnatifid apex does not guarantee its identity, nor the large size of its spores. The latter may be an indication of a polyploid population. There are also specimens from Iriomote Isl. with longer fertile fronds. The shape of the rhizome is subject to change with the habitat. The horizontal rhizomes are mostly found in rock crevices. De Vol (1972) reported it from Taiwan, Nantou (*T.C. Huang c. s. 934, TAI*), but the spores are smaller and sink into the normal size of *P. euphlebia* (cf. Liew, 1976). Some collections from E China are similar to the Iriomote specimens, including those identified as *P. attenuata* and *P. chinensis*.

3. The largest specimens of *P. euphlebia* are from S Guizhou, Guangxi, SE Yunnan, and Vietnam. They have prominent aerophores on the base of the stipe as well as along the robust stipe, are sometimes very hairy and have the longest pinnae up to 35 cm. However, the occurrence of aerophores on the stipe is an inconstant character, some smaller plants from E China and Taiwan also have obvious aerophores on the stipe. Consequently the large specimens are named as *Stenochlaena henryi* (H. Christ, 1909), *P. grandis* (Copeland, 1929), *P. maxima* (Christensen, 1934), and *P. integrifinna* (Ching, 1958).

5. *Plagiogyria falcata* Copel. — Fig. 8

Plagiogyria falcata Copel., Philipp. J. Sci., Bot. 2 (1907) 133, pl. 1, f. B; Alderw., Malayan Ferns (1908) 826; Hayata, Icon. Pl. Formos. 4 (1914) 239; Nakai, Bot. Mag. (Tokyo) 42 (1928) 208; Tak. Itô, Ill. Pl. Formos. Suppl. (1928) pl. 201; Copel., Philipp. J. Sci. 38 (1929) 400; Ogata, Icon. Filic. Jap. 8 (1940) pl. 386; Copel., Fern Fl. Philipp. 2 (1960) 196; K. Iwats. & M.G. Price, South East Asia Studies 14 (1977) 549. — Type: *Merrill* 5960 (MICH; iso P), Philippines, Mindoro, Mt Halcon, alt. 2100 m, XI-1906.

Plagiogyria dunnii Copel., Philipp. J. Sci., Bot. 3 (1908) 281; Philipp. J. Sci. 38 (1929) 402; C. Chr., Bull. Dept. Biol. Sun Yatsen Univ. 6 (1933) 13; S.H. Fu, Ill. Important Chinese Pl., Pterid. (1957) 42; Ching, Acta Phytotax. Sin. 7 (1958) 128, 153, pl. 40, f. 2; Fl. Reipubl. Popul. Sin. 2 (1959) 104; De Vol, Taiwania 17 (1972) 285, pl. 1, f. 3; De Vol & C.Y. Lu, Fl. Taiwan 1 (1975) 145; L.K. Lin, Fl. Fujianica 1 (1982) 27; M.Q. Jiang, Fl. Anhui 1 (1985) 48, f. 38; J.F. Cheng, Fl. Jiangxi 1 (1993) 62, f. 48; C.F. Zhang, Fl. Zhejiang 1 (1993) 35; X.C. Zhang, Expl. Pl. Resou. Mt Jiuwanshan, Guangxi (1993) 208; W.C. Shieh et al., Fl. Taiwan 1, ed. 2 (1994) 134. — Type: Dunn, Hongkong Herbarium No. 3934 (holo MICH-herb. E.B. Copeland No. 27; iso P, photogr. NY), Fujian, 'Yenping, alt. 3000 ft, collected on Mr. Dunn's expedition to Central Fokien, April to June 1905'.

Plagiogyria tenuifolia Copel., Philipp. J. Sci., Bot. 3 (1908) 281; Philipp. J. Sci. 38 (1929) 401, pl. 7; Ching, Acta Phytotax. Sin. 7 (1958) 126, 153; Fl. Reipubl. Popul. Sin. 2 (1959) 104; Edie, Ferns of Hong Kong (1977) 28, 90, f. 33. — Type: Matthew 51 (?), Hongkong.

Lomaria matthewii H. Christ ex C.G. Matthew, Notes on the Ferns of Hong Kong and the Adjacent Mainland (1908) 15; Dunn & Dutcher, (Fl. Kwangtung & Hongkong) Kew Bull. Misc. Add. 10 (1912) 341. — Type: *Matthew* 104 (holo P), Hongkong, Ma-on-shan, alt. 1500 ft, II-1906.

Plagiogyria hayatana Makino, Bot. Mag. (Tokyo) 23 (1909) 245; Copel., Philipp. J. Sci. 38 (1929) 401. — Syntypes: Nakahara 458 (Makino n.v.), Taiwan, Nantou, 'Rakurakusha', VIII-1905; Kawakami & Mori 2402 (Makino n.v.), Nantou, 'Mushazan', 10-VIII-1906; Kawakami & Mori s.n. (Makino n.v.), 'Randaisan' ('Ekitaisan'), 9-VIII-1909.

Plagiogyria adnata (Blume) Bedd. var. *angustata* Rosenst., Feddes Repert. Spec. Nov. Regni Veg. 13 (1913) 122; Copel., Philipp. J. Sci. 38 (1929) 397. — Type: *Cavalerie* s.n. in *Rosenstock*, Fil. Chin. Exp. 170 (L), Guizhou, Pin-fa, X-1912.

Plagiogyria angustipinna Ching, Acta Phytotax. Sin. 7 (1958) 126, 153, pl. 40, f. 1; Fl. Reipubl. Popul. Sin. 2 (1959) 104; Ching et al., Fl. Hainanica 1 (1964) 24. — Type: Wang, C. 35570 (holo PE; iso NY, US), Hainan, 18-XII-1928.

Plagiogyria chekiangensis P.L. Chiu, Acta Phytotax. Sin. 13 (1975) 111, photogr. 1, pl. 20; C.F. Zhang, Fl. Zhejiang 1 (1993) 35. — Type: *Zhejiang Pl. Resour. Exped.* 25849 (holo HHBG; iso PE), Zhejiang, Suichang, Nankeng, 4-V-1959.

Plagiogyria dentimarginata J.F. Cheng, Acta Phytotax. Sin. 26 (1988) 321, f. 1; Fl. Jiangxi 1 (1993) 61, f. 47; C.F. Zhang, Fl. Zhejiang 1 (1993) 35. — Type: *J.F. Cheng* 64261 (holo JXU; iso PE), Jiangxi, Dexing, Mt Damaoshan, alt. 120 m, 24-IX-1964.

Plagiogyria stenoptera auct. non (Hance) Diels: Makino, Bot. Mag. (Tokyo) 23 (1909) 244.

Plagiogyria matsumureana auct. non Makino: Hayata, Bot. Mag. (Tokyo) 23 (1909) 32, p.p.; Y.C. Wu et al., Bull. Dept. Biol. Sun Yatsen Univ. 3 (1932) 222, pl. 102.

Rhizome short to c. 15 cm long, suberect, narrow or thick with many stipe bases. *Stipes* stramineous, of sterile fronds (6-)12-20(-30) cm long, of fertile fronds 20-45 cm long, base slightly or moderately enlarged, 4-6(-8) mm wide in the middle, in cross section one V-shaped vascular bundle, upper part of stipe (sharp) triangular, aerophores only present on base of stipe; rachises glabrous. Fronds not covered with an amorphous gelatinous mucilage layer when dry, dorsal side of rachis carinate, not winged (or winged on the sharp ridge), rachis 1-2 mm wide in the middle part. *Sterile lamina* herbaceous, not glaucous, pinnatifid, widest medially, (10-)20-40(-55) cm long, (3-)5-13(-17) cm wide, index (2.5-)3-4(-5.4); pinnae (12-)35-53 pairs, widest near base, veins of pinnae paired at base or forked above base to paired at base, or branched at base, both branches forked above or rarely simple, distinct on both surfaces, stomata scattered on the lower epidermis, margin serrulate, sometimes towards the base becoming entire or nearly so, or entire except the apex (rarely biserrulate to the apex), most pinnae except the uppermost with inequilateral or with (nearly) equilateral base, adnate to rachis; lowermost pinnae adnate, deflexed (usually), not shortened to abruptly shortened; middle pinnae (1.5-)5-8.5 cm long, 0.4-1 cm wide in the middle, acroscopic side of base adnate to the rachis but not into a wide wing, basiscopic side straight to rachis or rounded, partly free from rachis or round; uppermost pinnae adnate, base about equal-sided, basiscopically straight to the rachis; apex of lamina pinnatifid, terminated by a pinnatilobed, long-triangular segment. *Fertile fronds* usually longer than the sterile ones, dorsal side of rachis carinate, rachis 1.5-2.5 mm wide in the middle part; lamina deeply pinnatifid, rachis slightly winged throughout, 20-50 cm long, 3-6(-10) cm wide; pinnae glabrous, (15-)35-50 pairs, margin subentire; lowermost pinnae not or gradually shortened (sometimes not well developed), 2-3 cm apart; middle pinnae (1-)2.5-5 cm long, 2-4 mm wide, base broadly adnate; apex pinnatifid, acuminate, or caudate. Paraphyses few, mostly lost or absent, yellow. Spores yellow, with reddish tubercles.

Distribution — China (Anhui, Zhejiang, Fujian, Jiangxi, Hunan, Guangdong, Guangxi, Hongkong, Hainan, Taiwan, Guizhou), Philippines.

Habitat — In dense ravine forest, or under shade rocks, altitude 40–2150 m, usually 500–1500 m.

6. *Plagiogyria glauca* (Blume) Mett. — Fig. 9, Map 3

Plagiogyria glauca (Blume) Mett., Farnatt. II (1858) 273; Bedd., Ferns Brit. India 1 (1866) pl. 90; Kuhn, Ann. Mus. Bot. Lugd.-Bat. 4 (1869) 291; Bedd., Handb. Ferns Brit. India (1892) 127; H. Christ, Bull. Soc. Bot. France (Mém.) 1 (1905) 64; Bull. Acad. Int. Géogr. Bot. (1906) 138; Copel., Philipp. J. Sci. 1, Suppl. (1906) 153; Philipp. J. Sci., Bot. 2 (1907) 133; Alderw., Malayan Ferns (1908) 342; Copel., Sarawak Museum J. 2 (1917) 388; C. Chr., Acta Horti Gothob. 1 (1924) 92; Copel., Philipp. J. Sci. 38 (1929) 393; Hand.-Mazz., Symb. Sin. 6 (1929) 38; C. Chr., Contr. U.S. Natl. Herb. 26 (1931) 310; C. Chr. & Holtum, Gard. Bull. Str. Settlem. 7 (1934) 225; Backer & Posth., Varenfl. Java (1939) 31; Copel., Fern Fl. Philipp. 2 (1960) 195; Panigrahi, Bull. Bot. Surv. India 2 (1960) 313; Holtum, Revis. Fl. Malaya 2, ed. 2 (1966) 112; N.C. Nair, Records Bot. Surv. India 20, 2 (1971) 2; Tagawa, Acta Phytotax. Geobot. 26 (1974) 113; K. Iwats. & M.G. Price, South East Asia Studies 14 (1977) 550; M. Kato, Acta Phytotax. Geobot. 40 (1989) 91; Parris et al., Pl. Mount Kinabalu 1 (1992) 97. — *Lomaria glauca* Blume, Enum. Pl. Javae (1828) 204; Moritz, Syst. Verz. (1844) 112; Kunze, Bot. Zeitung (Berlin) 6 (1848) 143; Farmkräuter (1851) 91, t. 138; Hook., Sp. Fil. 3 (1860) 22; Hook. & Baker, Syn. Fil. (1868) 182; C.B. Clarke, Trans. Linn. Soc. London II, Bot. 1 (1880) 472; H. Christ, Ann. Jard. Bot. Buitenzorg 15 (1897) 113. — *Plagiogyria glauca* (Blume) Mett. subsp. *glauca* Nakaike, Bull. Nat. Sci. Mus. Tokyo 14 (1971) 264. — Lectotype: *Blume s.n.* (L sh. no. 908.316-285), Java, Salak.

Lomaria glauca Blume var. *B* Blume, Enum. Pl. Javae (1828) 204. — Lectotype: *Blume s.n.* (L sh. no. 908.316-284).

[*Lomaria nivea* Zoll., Natuur-Geneesk. Arch. Ned. Indië (1844) 238, nom. nud.; Backer & Posth., Varenfl. Java (1939) 31, nom. nud., pro syn. — Voucher: Unknown, Java, G. Salak].

Plagiogyria glauca (Blume) Mett. var. *philippinensis* H. Christ, Bull. Herb. Boissier 6 (1898) 150; Copel., Polypod. Philipp. Is. (1905) 98; Alderw., Malayan Ferns (1908) 342; Hayata, Bot. Mag. (Tokyo) 23 (1909) 31; Tak. Itô, Ill. Pl. Formos. Suppl. (1928) pl. 200; De Vol, Taiwania 17 (1972) 283, pl. 1, f. 1–2; pl. 2; De Vol & C. Y. Lu, Fl. Taiwan 1 (1975) 142. — Type: *Loher s.n.* (P), XI-1893, Mt Data.

Plagiogyria nana Copel., Philipp. J. Sci., Bot. 4 (1909) 114; Alderw., Malayan Ferns Suppl. 1 (1916) 244; Copel., Philipp. J. Sci. 38 (1929) 393; Fern Fl. Philipp. 2 (1960) 195. — *Plagiogyria glauca* (Blume) Mett. var. *nana* (Copel.) C. Chr., Brittonia 2 (1937) 284. — Syntypes: FB 16306 (MICH); PPE-113 (BM, K, L, NY, P, PE, US), Luzon, Benguet, Mt Pulog, alt. 2850 m, V-1909.

Blechnum papuanum Brause, Bot. Jahrb. Syst. 56 (1920) 158. — *Plagiogyria papuana* (Brause) Alston, J. Bot. (1939) 290, non C. Chr. 1937. — *Struthiopteris papuana* (Brause) Ching, Sunyatsenia 5 (1940) 243. — *Plagiogyria brausei* Nakaike, Bull. Nat. Sci. Mus. Tokyo 17 (1991) 90. — Type: *Ledermann 11978* (holo B, fragm. BM, photogr. BM, PE), Papua New Guinea, Sepik, alt. 2070 m, 3-VI-1913.

Plagiogyria formosana Nakai, Bot. Mag. (Tokyo) 42 (1928) 205; Ogata, Icon. Filic. Jap. 8 (1940) pl. 387; Ching, Acta Phytotax. Sin. 7 (1958) 123, 149, pl. 37, f. 2; Fl. Reipubl. Popul. Sin. 2 (1959) 100; W.C. Shieh et al., Fl. Taiwan 1, ed. 2 (1994) 135, photogr. 45. — *Plagiogyria glauca* (Blume) Mett. subsp. *formosana* (Nakai) Nakaike, Bull. Nat. Sci. Mus. Tokyo 14 (1971) 264. — Type: *Nakahara s.n.* (holo TI, photogr. BM, PE), Taiwan, 'Tozan Nitak', XII-1906.

Plagiogyria formosana Nakai var. *angustata* Nakai, Bot. Mag. (Tokyo) 42 (1921) 205; Ching, Acta Phytotax. Sin. 7 (1958) 124, 149. — Type: *Kawakami & Mori 1831* (holo TI, photogr. BM, PE), Taiwan, Mt Xinggaoshan, alt. 2100 m.

Plagiogyria glaucescens Ching, Acta Phytotax. Sin. 7 (1958) 124, 150, pl. 38, f. 2; Fl. Reipubl. Popul. Sin. 2 (1959) 102; B.K. Nayar & F. Kazmi, Bull. Nat. Bot. Gard. 64 (1962) 27, f. 11;

R.D. Dixit & A. Das, Proc. Indian Acad. Sci. (Plant Sci.) 90 (1981) 385, photogr. 15; Baishya & R.R. Rao, Ferns and Fern-allies of Meghalaya State, India (1982) 48; Ching & S.K. Wu, Fl. Xizang. 1 (1983) 40. — *Plagiogyria glaucescens* Ching var. *glaucescens* X. Cheng, Vascular. Pl. Hengduan Mount. 1 (1993) 18. — Type: *Feng, K.M.* 7157 (holo PE), Yunnan, Mekong-Salwin Divide, Gongshan, Doyon-lumba, alt. 2500–3100 m, 30-VIII-1940.

Plagiogyria glaucescens Ching var. *arguta* Ching, Acta Phytotax. Sin. 7 (1958) 125, 151; Fl. Reipubl. Popul. Sin. 2 (1959) 102; Ching & S.K. Wu, Fl. Xizang. 1 (1983) 40; X. Cheng, Vascular. Pl. Hengduan Mount. 1 (1993) 18. — *Plagiogyria distanta* Jamir & R.R. Rao, Ferns of Nagaland (1988) 42; R.D. Dixit & A. Das, Proc. Indian Acad. Sci. (Plant Sci.) 90 (1981) 386, photogr. 16. — Type: *Feng, K.M.* 478 (holo PE), Yunnan, Lijiang, Gezi, 10-III-1939.

Plagiogyria media Ching, Acta Phytotax. Sin. 7 (1958) 124, 149, pl. 38, f. 1; Fl. Reipubl. Popul. Sin. 2 (1959) 101; Shing, Iconogr. Cormoph. Sinicorum 1 (1972) 127, f. 254; R.D. Dixit & A. Das, Proc. Indian Acad. Sci. (Plant Sci.) 90 (1981) 385, photogr. 14; K. Iwats. et al., J. Fac. Sci. Univ. Tokyo sect. 3, Bot. 14 (1986) 14; S.H. Kung, Fl. Sichuanica 6 (1986) 121; X. Cheng, Vascular. Pl. Hengduan Mount. 1 (1993) 18. — Type: *Yu, T.T.* 20914 (holo PE; iso A), Yunnan, Taron-Taru Divide, Tarulaka, alt. 3000 m, 1-XI-1938.

Rhizome short to c. 15 cm long, erect, suberect to curved, or decumbent, narrow and very woody or thick with many stipe bases. *Stipes* stramineous or brownish, of sterile fronds 3–55 cm long, of fertile fronds 5–75 cm long, base strongly enlarged, 5–15 mm wide in the middle, in cross section one U-shaped vascular bundle, upper part of stipe tetragonal, terete, or oval, aerophores present on stipe and rachis, elongate, horn-like, with blunt apex; rachises glabrous to hairy or sometimes densely hairy. Fronds not covered with an amorphous gelatinous mucilage layer when dry, dorsal side of rachis semiterete to flattened or grooved, not winged, rachis 0.5–4 mm wide in the middle part. *Sterile lamina* firm herbaceous or subcoriaceous, glaucous beneath, pinnate except the pinnatifid or pinnatilobed apex, widest medially or a little higher, 7–110 cm long, 2–30 cm wide, index (1.8–)2.8–3.8(–4.6); pinnae 13–43 pairs, widest below or about the middle to near the base, veins of pinnae as many simple as forked, distinct on both surfaces, stomata scattered on the lower epidermis, margin serrulate, most pinnae except the uppermost with equilateral base, truncate or rounded; lowermost pinnae sessile to shortly stalked, not or slightly deflexed, abruptly shortened or not, some pinnae vestigial on stipe sited by aerophores; middle pinnae 1–15.5 cm long, 0.6–1.8 cm wide in the middle, sessile, base truncate or rounded (at dry stage); apex of lamina pinnatifid, terminated by a pinnatilobed segment or by a pinna conform to lateral ones, base connected with 1 or 2 shorter lateral pinnae or rarely with 1–3 irregular auricles, 1–10 cm long. *Fertile fronds* usually longer than the sterile ones, dorsal side of rachis semiterete, flattened, or grooved, not winged, rachis 0.5–4 mm wide in the middle part; lamina pinnate throughout, pinnae shortly stalked or nearly sessile, 11–77 cm long, 4–24 cm wide; pinnae glabrous, 13–43 pairs, margin subentire to erose; lowermost pinnae gradually shortened or some pairs aerophore-like vestiges on stipe together with aerophores, 2–4 cm apart; middle pinnae 2–14 cm long, 2–4.5 mm wide, base shortly stalked, sessile, or slightly cordate; apex pinnatifid, acuminate or caudate. Paraphyses few, mostly lost, dark brown or yellow. Spores yellow to brown, not obviously tuberculate.

Distribution — China (Taiwan, Xizang, Yunnan), India (Assam, Khasia and Jaintea Hills, Manipur, Naga Hills), N Burma, Sumatra, Java, Lesser Sunda Islands (Flores), Borneo (Mt Kinabalu), Philippines (Luzon, Mindanao), Sulawesi, Moluccas (Seram), New Guinea, S New Ireland, Solomon Islands (Guadalcanal).

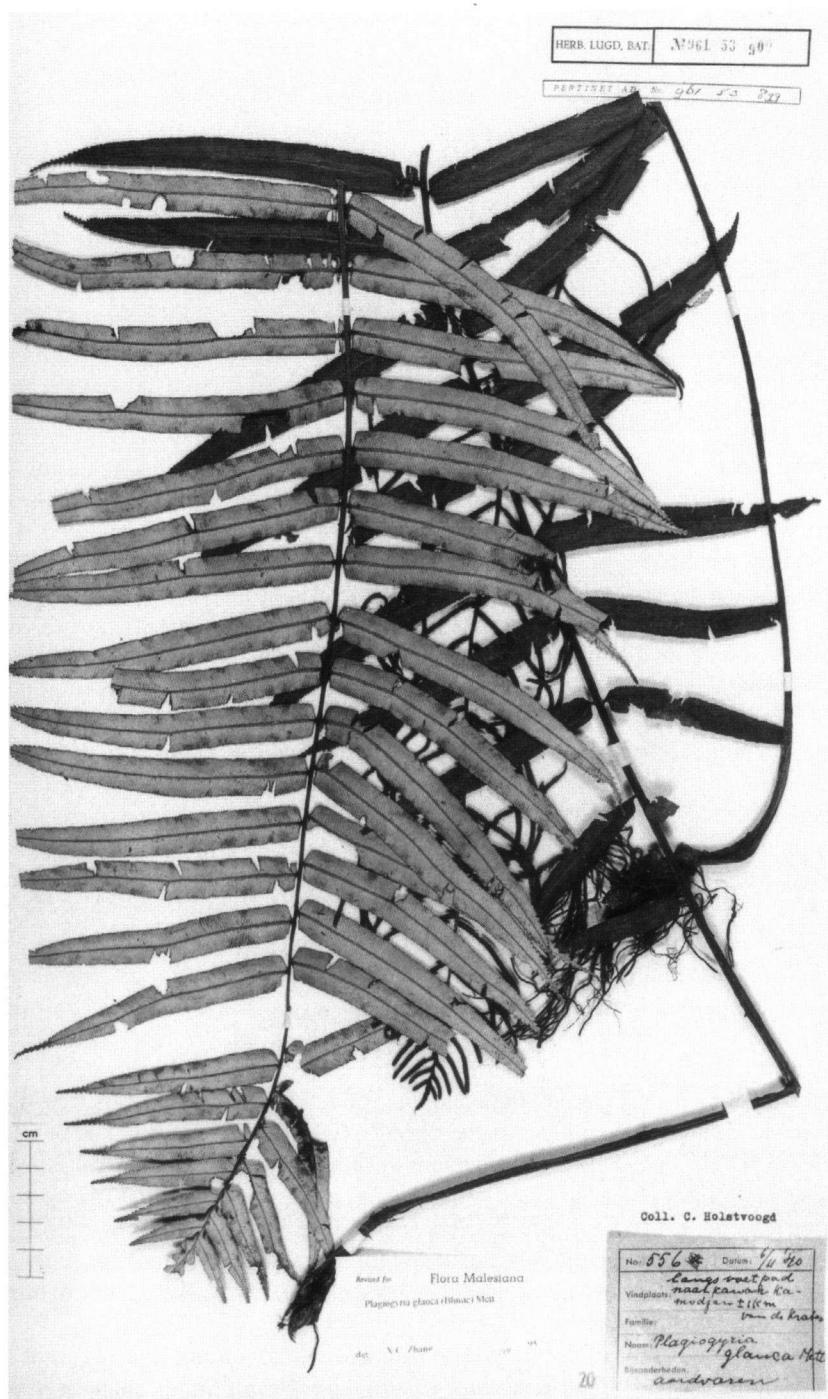
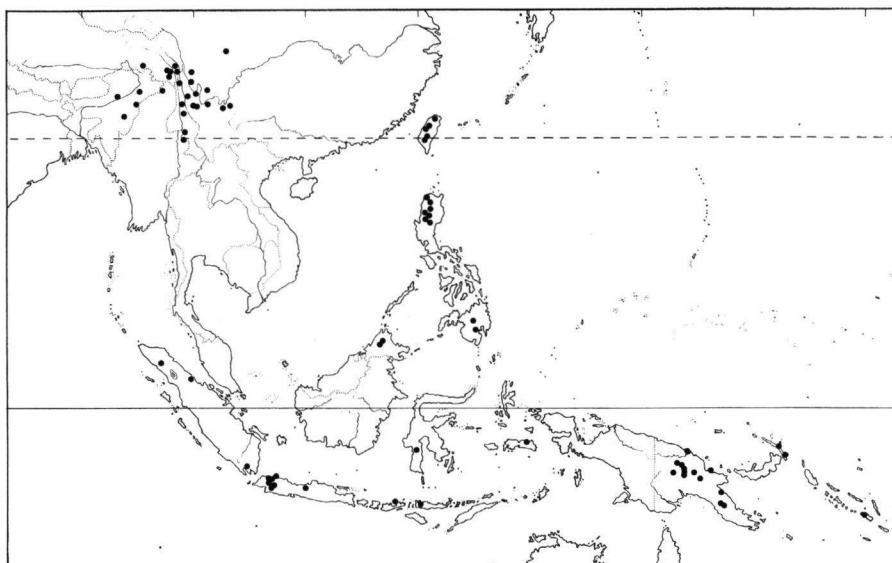


Fig. 9. *Plagiogyria glauca* (Blume) Mett. [C. Holstvoogd 556 (L), Java, Kamodjan].



Map 3. Distribution of *Plagiogyria glauca* (Blume) Mett.

Habitat — In light shade or open places, grasslands, altitude 1200–3800 m.

Chromosome number — Walker (1973) reported $n = c. 132$, Tsai (1973) reported $n = 75$, under the name of *P. formosana* Hayata.

Note — Clarke (1880) considered this to be only a variety of *P. pycnophylla*, and correctly pointed out that some of the Javanese specimens are much larger than those from Khasia. M.G. Price (pers. comm.) informed us that *P. glauca* and *P. pycnophylla* grow together in the Philippines. *Plagiogyria glauca* and *P. pycnophylla* coexist in most of their area of distribution except in Sichuan (the northern limit of *P. pycnophylla*), S Yunnan to Thailand, Indochina and Peninsular Malaysia where *P. glauca* is absent, and in Taiwan where *P. pycnophylla* is wanting. The Taiwan population of *P. glauca* is rather constant with a terminal pinna. Perhaps *P. glauca* is distinguished from *P. pycnophylla* only because of the very obvious white wax under the laminae. But, when the wax is lost on herbarium specimens, more probably the name *P. pycnophylla* will be given. In this case, the only suggestion is using a binocular to trace the white colour at the recurved pinna margins (the same situation applies to *P. assurgens*, another glaucous *Plagiogyria*).

The function of the wax is not well clear for this kind of ferns mainly distributed in humid mountain forests. Certainly it protects the stomata from losing much water during the dry season of year.

7. *Plagiogyria japonica* Nakai — Fig. 10

Plagiogyria japonica Nakai, Bot. Mag. (Tokyo) 42 (1928) 206; Ohwi, Fl. Japan (1957) 51; S.H. Fu, Ill. Important Chinese Pl., Pterid. (1957) 41, f. 50; Ching, Acta Phytotax. Sin. 7 (1958) 119, 143, pl. 33, f. 1; Fl. Reipubl. Popul. Sin. 2 (1959) 94, pl. 5, f. 1–6; Tagawa, Col. Ill. Jap. Pterid.

- (1959) 69, 240, pl. 21, f. 126; Nakaike, Bull. Nat. Sci. Mus. Tokyo 14 (1971) 261; Shing, Iconogr. Cormoph. Sinicorum 1 (1972) 126, f. 251; De Vol, Taiwania 17 (1972) 284; De Vol & C. Y. Lu, Fl. Taiwan 1 (1974) 144; Nakaike, Enum. Pterid. Jap. Filic. (1975) 7; Y.X. Jin, Fl. Jiangsu 1 (1977) 20, f. 19; Kurata & Nakaike, Ill. Pterid. Jap. 1 (1979) 334; L.K. Lin, Fl. Fujianica 1 (1982) 30, f. 30; M.Q. Jiang, Fl. Anhui 1 (1985) 46, f. 35; H.S. Kung, Fl. Sichuanica 6 (1986) 121, pl. 36, f. 3; Numata et al., Ecol. Encycl. Wild Pl. Jap. (1990) 36; Nakaike, New Fl. Jap. Pterid. (1992) 233, photogr. 233; K. Iwats., Ferns and Fern Allies of Japan (1992) 76, pl. 27, photogr. 3–5; J.F. Cheng, Fl. Jiangxi 1 (1993) 61, f. 46; C.F. Zhang, Fl. Zhejiang 1 (1993) 34, f. 1–36; X.C. Zhang, Expl. Pl. Resou. Mt Jiuwanshan, Guangxi (1993) 208; W.C. Shieh et al., Fl. Taiwan 1, ed. 2 (1994) 137. — Lectotype (Nakaike 1971): *Nakai, T. s.n.* (holo, TI), Japan, Izu, Yahatano ('Yugashima'), IV-1928. See note 1.
- Plagiogyria adnata* (Blume) Bedd. var. *distans* Rosenst., Feddes Repert. Spec. Nov. Regni Veg. 13 (1913) 122; Copel., Philipp. J. Sci. 38 (1929) 397; Hand.-Mazz., Symb. Sin. 6 (1929) 38. — Type: *Cavalerie 2 bis in Rosenstock, Filic. Chin. Exp. 169* (L, K, P), Guizhou, 'Pin-fa et Kuy-yang'. See note 2.
- Plagiogyria intermedia* Copel., Philipp. J. Sci. 38 (1929) 390, pl. 2; C. Chr., Bull. Dept. Biol. Sun Yatsen Univ. 6 (1933) 13. — Type: *Faurie 160* (BM, P), Japan, Koyasan, 1907.
- Plagiogyria caudifolia* Ching, Acta Phytotax. Sin. 7 (1958) 119, 144; Fl. Reipubl. Popul. Sin. 2 (1959) 95. — Type: *Liu, C.T. c.s. 10035* (holo PE), Sichuan, Chongqing, Mt Jinyunshan, 1-X-1957.
- Plagiogyria hainanensis* Ching, Acta Phytotax. Sin. 7 (1958) 119, 143, pl. 32, f. 2; Fl. Reipubl. Popul. Sin. 2 (1959) 94; Ching et al., Fl. Hainanica 1 (1964) 24. — Type: *Wang, C. 35550* (holo PE; iso GH), Hainan, without exact locality, 18-XII-1933.
- Plagiogyria liankwangensis* Ching, Acta Phytotax. Sin. 7 (1958) 118, 142, pl. 32, f. 1; Fl. Reipubl. Popul. Sin. 2 (1959) 93. — Type: *Wang, C. 39304* (holo PE), Guangxi, Pingnan, Mt Yaoshan, alt. 900 m, 8-VI-1936.
- Plagiogyria pseudojaponica* Nakaike, Bull. Nat. Sci. Mus. Tokyo 14 (1971) 266, pl. 3, f. 1; Enum. Pterid. Jap. Filic. (1975) 9; New Fl. Jap. Pterid. (1992) 235, photogr. 235. — *Plagiogyria japonica* Nakai var. *pseudojaponica* (Nakaike) K. Iwats., J. Fac. Sci. Univ. Tokyo sect. 3, Bot. 14 (1987) 71. — Type: *Nakaike 5548* (holo TOFO), Japan, Yaku-isl., 1-VIII-1968.
- Lomaria euphlebia* auct. non Kunze: Hook., Sec. Cent. Ferns (1861) t. 89, p.p., quoad fig.; Hook. & Baker, Syn. Fil. (1868) 183, p.p., excl. syn. *Lomaria articulata*.
- Plagiogyria adnata* auct. non (Blume) Bedd.: Tak. Itô, Ill. Pl. Formos. Suppl. (1928) pl. 198, 'adnata'; Ogata, Icon. Filic. Jap. 4 (1931) pl. 183; Y.C. Wu et al., Bull. Dept. Biol. Sun Yatsen Univ. 3 (1932) 220, pl. 101.

Rhizome short to c. 15 cm long, erect, suberect, curved, or decumbent, thick with many stipe bases. *Stipes* brownish or stramineous, of sterile fronds (7–)20–40 cm long, of fertile fronds 40–55 cm long, base moderately enlarged, 2–7 mm wide in the middle, in cross section one V-shaped vascular bundle, upper part of stipe tetragonal, terete, or oval, aerophores only present on base of stipe, cushion-like; rachises glabrous. Fronds not covered with an amorphous gelatinous mucilage layer when dry, dorsal side of rachis semiterete, flattened, or grooved, not winged, rachis 1–1.5(–2) mm wide in the middle part. *Sterile lamina* herbaceous, not glaucous, pinnate except the pinnatifid or pinnatilobed apex or lower part pinnate, upper (1/4–)1/3–1/2 pinnatifid, widest subbasally (usually) to medially, (12–)20–43 cm long, (4–)10–20 cm wide, index (1.4–)2–2.5(–4); pinnae (8–)12–20(–30) pairs, widest medially, veins of pinnae paired at base or forked above base, distinct on both surfaces, stomata scattered on the lower epidermis, margin serrulate sometimes towards the base becoming entire or nearly so, most pinnae except the uppermost with inequilateral base, rounded or cuneate; lowermost pinnae sessile, not or slightly deflexed, slightly shortened; middle pinnae (4.5–)5.5–10 cm long, 0.90–1.7 cm wide in the middle, sessile or shortly stalked,



Fig. 10. *Plagiogyria japonica* Nakai [K. Satake s.n., 30-XII-1961 (US) Japan, Kiriyama, Mt Amagi].

base rounded or cuneate; uppermost pinnae adnate, base unequal-sided, basiscopically decurrent into rachis wing, rounded, or straight to the rachis; apex of lamina pinnatifid, terminated by a pinna-like or pinnatilobed, long-triangular segment [4–7(–10) cm long, base connected with upper lateral ones]. *Fertile fronds* usually longer than the sterile ones, dorsal side of rachis flattened or semiterete, not winged, rachis 1–2 mm wide in the middle part; lamina pinnate throughout, pinnae shortly stalked, 23–50 cm long, 6–17 cm wide; pinnae sparsely bearing short glandular hairs or glabrous, 9–19 pairs, margin subentire to erose; lowermost pinnae the longest, (1–)2–4(–6) cm apart; middle pinnae (4–)7–8(–10) cm long, 3(–4) mm wide, base shortly stalked; apex pinnatifid, terminated by a pinna-like segment or by a pinna conform with the lateral ones, which is often beaded at the base. Paraphyses many, brown or yellow. Spores yellow, with reddish tubercles.

Distribution — Japan, Korea (Cheju), China (Jiangsu, Anhui, Zhejiang, Fujian, Jiangxi, Hubei, Hunan, Guangdong, Guangxi, Hainan, Taiwan, Sichuan, Guizhou, Yunnan).

Habitat — In forest, in ravines, rocky place, altitude 150–1780 m.

Chromosome number — Kurita (1963) reported $n = c. 100$; Nakato & Mitui (1983) reported $2n = 260$.

Notes — 1. The distribution of this species in Taiwan is based on Nakaike's report (1971); only one specimen is seen, i.e. *S. Sasaki s.n.* (TNS, n.v.), Taiwan, Kaohsiung ('Takao'), Mt Bui-san. Ching (1958) reported *P. japonica* from Assam based on *Gammie 346* and was followed by De Vol and some local flora authors who credited the distribution of *P. japonica* to Assam. *Gammie 346* in Paris (P) turned out to be *P. eupblebia*.

2. In K and P *Cavalerie 2 bis* (28-IV-1902) is *P. adnata*.

8. *Plagiogyria matsumureana* Makino — Fig. 11

Plagiogyria matsumureana Makino, Bot. Mag. (Tokyo) 8 (1894) 333; Nakai, Bot. Mag. (Tokyo) 42 (1928) 209; Tak. Itô, Ill. Pl. Formos. Suppl. (1928) pl. 202; Nakaike, Bull. Nat. Sci. Mus. Tokyo 14 (1971) 266; Copel., Philipp. J. Sci. 38 (1929) 403; Ogata, Icon. Filic. Jap. 4 (1931) pl. 185; Ohwi, Fl. Japan (1957) 52; Ching, Acta Phytotax. Sin. 7 (1958) 125, 151; Tagawa, Col. Ill. Jap. Pterid. (1959) 69, 240, pl. 22, f. 128; Numata et al., Ecol. Encycl. Wild Pl. Jap. (1990) 37; Iwats., Ferns and Fern Allies of Japan (1992) 76, pl. 28, photogr. 4–6. — *Plagiogyria semicordata* (C. Presl) H. Christ subsp. *matsumureana* (Makino) Nakaike, Bull. Nat. Sci. Mus. Tokyo 14 (1971) 265; Enum. Pterid. Jap. Filic. (1975) 9; Kurata & Nakaike, Ill. Pterid. Jap. 4 (1985) 250; Nakaike, New Fl. Jap. Pterid. (1992) 237, photogr. 237. — Lectotype (Nakaike, l.c.: 266): *sin. col.* (TI), Japan.

[*Lomaria matsumureana* Makino, Bot. Mag. (Tokyo) 8 (1894) 90, nom. nud.]

Lomaria eupblebia Kuntze var. *serrata* Baker, Gard. Chron. 14 (n.s.) (1880) 494. — Type: *Maries s.n.* (holo, K), Japan.

Lomaria fauriei H. Christ, Bull. Herb. Boissier 4 (1896) 666. — *Plagiogyria fauriei* (H. Christ) Matsumura, Ind. Pl. Jap. 1 (1904) 332; C. Chr., Index Filic. (1906) 495. — *Blechnum fauriei* (H. Christ) Tokubuchi, Bot. Mag. (Tokyo) 19 (1905) 231, 'fauriae'. — Type: *Faurie 4350* (holo P), Japan.

Rhizome short, erect, suberect, or decumbent, thick with many stipe bases. **Stipes** stramineous, of sterile fronds 4–17 cm long, of fertile fronds 23–56 cm long, base slightly enlarged, 4–9.5 mm wide in the middle, in cross section three oval vascular bundles, upper part of stipe tetragonal, aerophores only present on base of stipe or

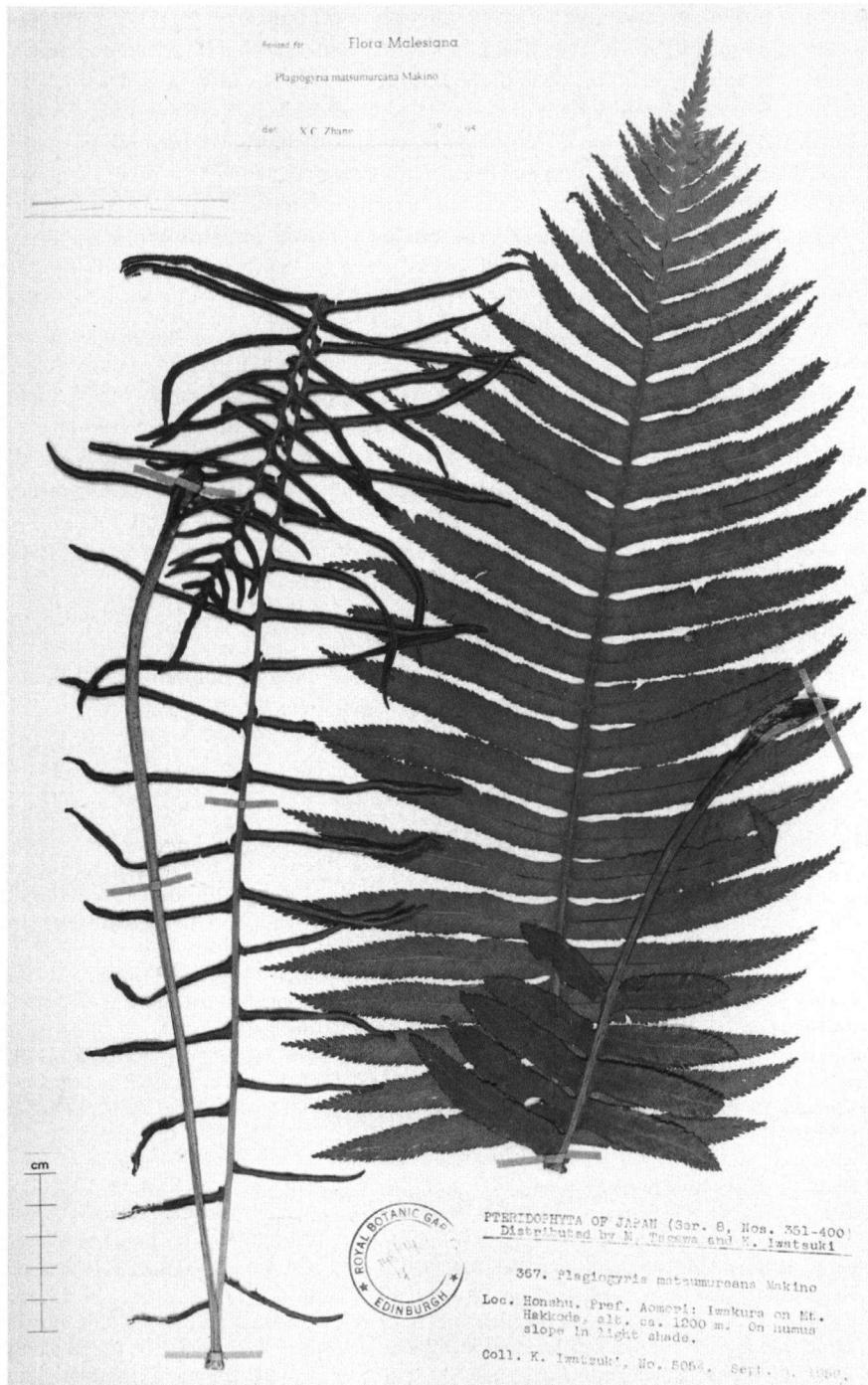


Fig. 11. *Plagiogyria matsumureana* Makino [K. Iwatsuki 5054 (E), Japan, Aomori, Mt Hakkoda].

seemingly absent at dry stage; rachises glabrous. Fronds not covered with an amorphous gelatinous mucilage layer when dry, dorsal side of rachis flattened or grooved, not winged, rachis 1–2.5 mm wide in the middle part. *Sterile lamina* herbaceous, not glaucous, pinnatifid, widest medially or a little higher, (26–)40–56 cm long, (9–)14–20 cm wide, index 2–3; pinnae 26–42 pairs, widest medially, veins of pinnae paired at base, with both branches forked above, distinct on both surfaces, stomata scattered on the lower epidermis, margin biserrulate (sharply) or serrulate, most pinnae except the uppermost with about equilateral base, adnate to rachis; lowermost pinnae adnate, slightly deflexed, gradually shortened; middle pinnae (5–)7–9(–12) cm long, 0.7–1.2(–1.4) cm wide in the middle, base adnate, basiscopic side like the acroscopic side; uppermost pinnae adnate, base about equal-sided; apex of lamina pinnatifid, terminated by a pinnatilobed, short-triangular segment. *Fertile fronds* usually longer than the sterile ones, dorsal side of rachis flattened or grooved, not winged, rachis (1–)1.5–2.5(–3) mm wide in the middle part; lamina pinnate, pinnae sessile, base auriculate adnate, uppermost deeply pinnatifid, (24–)40–56(–60) cm long, (4–)7–11(–14) cm wide; pinnae glabrous, 22–36 pairs, margin erose or subentire; lowermost pinnae gradually shortened, 2–4 cm apart; middle pinnae (2.5–)4–8 cm long, 2.5–3 mm wide, base broadly adnate; apex pinnatifid, acuminate, or caudate. Paraphyses many, brown. Spores yellow, without reddish tubercles.

Distribution — Endemic to Japan, common in Hokkaido, Hakodate, Honshu, south to Yakushima.

Habitat — In light shade in humus of slope in deciduous broad-leaved forest, also in deciduous coniferous forest, altitude 500–2000 m, usually 500–1200 m.

Chromosome number — The reported numbers are $n = c. 75$ (Kurita, 1963); $n = 66 +/− 1$ (Mitui, 1976); $2n = 130$, $n = 65$ (Nakato & Mitui, 1983).

9. *Plagiogyria pectinata* (Liebm.) Lellinger — Fig. 12, Map 4

Plagiogyria pectinata (Liebm.) Lellinger, Amer. Fern J. 61 (1971) 115; Knobloch & Correll, Amer. Fern J. 68 (1978) 11; A.R. Sm., Fl. Chiapas 2 (1981) 172, f. 68; Mickel & Beitel, Mem. New York Bot. Gard. 46 (1988) 282, f. 15: B, C. — *Lomaria pectinata* Liebm., Kongel. Danske Vidensk. Selsk. Naturvidensk. Math. Afh. 5 (1849) 233 (seors. 81); Hook., Sp. Fil. 3 (1860) 18; Copel., Philipp. J. Sci. 38 (1929) 409, pl. 15. — Type: Liebmann 2477 (holo BM), Mexico, Oaxaca, ‘Cerro de Sempoaltepec’, alt. 8–9000 ft. See note.

[*Polypodium fuscum tenuissimis denticulis serratum* Plum., Traité Foug. Amer. (Filic. Amer.) (1705) pl. 81.] — *Acrostichum serrulatum* Willd., Spec. Pl. 5 (1810) 113, non Sw. (1788). — *Polybotrya ? plumieri* T. Moore, Index Fil. (1857) 14. — *Plagiogyria serrulata* Lellinger, Amer. Fern J. 61 (1971) 118. — Type: Plumier’s plate 81.

Lomaridium ? semicordatum C. Presl, Epim. Bot. (1851) 155. — *Lomaria semicordata* (C. Presl) Hook. & Baker, Syn. Fil. (1868) 182. — *Plagiogyria semicordata* (C. Presl) H. Christ, Farnkr. Erde (1897) 176; Diels in Engl. & Prantl, Nat. Pflanzenfam. 1, 4 (1899) 281, f. A–F; Bower, The Ferns 2 (1926) 276, f. 542; Copel., Philipp. J. Sci. 38 (1929) 408; Knobloch & Correll, Ferns and Fern Allies of Chihuahua, Mexico (1962) 131, pl. 39, f. 1–2; V. Vareschi, Fl. Venezuela. Helechos 1 (1968) 283, t. 58; Lellinger, Amer. Fern J. 61 (1971) 113; A.R. Sm., Fl. Chiapas 2 (1981) 172; Proctor, Ferns of Jamaica (1985) 159; Maria Teresa Murillo P., Fl. Colombia Pterid. Monogr. 9 (1988) 35, f. 6, map 5; R.M. Tryon & Stolze, Fieldiana, Bot. n.s. 20 (1989) 101, f. 14; Rivero, Amer. Fern J. 82 (1992) 33. — *Plagiogyria semicordata* (C. Presl) H. Christ subsp. *semitcordata*, Nakaike, Bull. Nat. Sci. Mus. Tokyo 14 (1971) 265. — Type: in sylvis Colombia, without collector, (holo PRC, n.v.).

- Lomaria arguta* Fée, Mém. Foug. 5. Gen. Filic. (1857) 70; Hook., Sp. Fil. 3 (1860) 18. — *Plagiogyria arguta* Copel., Philipp. J. Sci. 38 (1929) 407, pl. 8. — Type: Schaffner 98 (P?, n.v.; U), Mexico, Veracruz, Cerro del Agua, 'Vallée d'Orizaba', alt. 2700 m, 1854.
- Plagiogyria biserrata* Mett., Farnngatt. II (1858) 272, t. 4: 1–18; Copel., Philipp. J. Sci. 38 (1929) 408. — *Lomaria biserrata* (Mett.) Mert. & Lind. ex Hook., Sp. Fil. 3 (1860) 19. — Syntypes: Moritz 400 (B, n.v., K, photogr. US), Venezuela, Colonia Tovar; Linden 556 (B, n.v., BM, K, P, US), Venezuela, Truxillo et de Merida (Caracas), 4000–14500 ft, IV-1842.
- [*Lomaria ? serrata* Moritz ex Mett., Farnngatt. II (1858) 272, 'Moritz Herb', nom. nud., pro syn.] — Voucher: Probably Moritz 400.
- Plagiogyria costaricensis* Mett. ex Kuhn, Linnaea 36 (1869) 149; Copel., Philipp. J. Sci. 38 (1929) 414; Lellinger, Amer. Fern J. 61 (1971) 116. — *Lomaria costaricensis* (Mett.) Baker, Syn. Fil. II (1874) 482, non H. Christ (1904). — Type: Wendland 1066 (BM?), Costa Rica, Heredia, Volcán, Barba.
- Lomaria fialhoi* Fée & Glaz., Crypt. Vasc. Brésil (1869) 239, t. 7, f. 2. — *Plagiogyria fialhoi* (Fée & Glaz.) Lellinger, Amer. Fern J. 61 (1971) 116; Windisch & Pereira-Noronha, Amer. Fern J. 73 (1983) 79, f. 1–25. — Type: Glaziou 3326 (holo P; iso K), Brazil, Seera os Orgaos, Est. Rio de Janeiro.
- Plagiogyria ? aequidentata* E. Fourn., Mex. Pl. 1 (1872) 133. — Type: Müller 723 (holo P?), Mexico, Veracruz, Orizaba.
- Blechnum urbanii* Brause, Symb. Antill. 7 (1911) 157, 'urbanii'. — *Plagiogyria urbanii* (Brause) Copel., Philipp. J. Sci. 38 (1929) 413, pl. 14, 'urbanii'. — Type: von Türkheim 3408 (holo B, n.v.; fragm. US; photogr. BM, US), Santo Domingo, near Constanza, alt. 2200 m, VI-1910.
- Plagiogyria anisodonta* Copel., Philipp. J. Sci. 38 (1929) 409, pl. 9. — Syntypes: Jiménez 1018 (US), Costa Rica, Alajuela, Volcán Poas, alt. 2800 m, II-1915; ibid., Standley 34895 (US), alt. 2500–2640 m, 17-II-1924; Extinct crater of Mount Poas, alt. 2644 m, X-1896; Conduz 10714 (US).
- Plagiogyria denticulata* Copel., Philipp. J. Sci. 38 (1929) 412, pl. 12. — Syntypes: Herzog 1954 (US), Bolivia, Santa Cruz, 'Im Nebelwald des Bergkammes der Laguna verde bei Comparapa', alt. 2600 m, IV-1911.
- Plagiogyria latifolia* Copel., Philipp. J. Sci. 38 (1929) 411, pl. 11. — Type: MacBride 3432 (holo US; iso F, GH), Peru, Cani, 7 miles NE of Mito, 16–26-IV-1923.
- Plagiogyria maxonii* Copel., Philipp. J. Sci. 38 (1929) 410, pl. 10; Lellinger, Amer. Fern J. 61 (1971) 117; Proctor, Ferns of Jamaica (1985) 160, f. 40. — Syntypes: Maxon 9910 (US, F, NY), Jamaica, summit of Blue Mountain Peak, alt. 2100–2200 m, 7–9-VII-1926; Maxon 1439 (US) ibid., Maxon 9721 (US), Mossman's Peak.
- Plagiogyria obtusa* Copel., Philipp. J. Sci. 38 (1929) 413, pl. 13. — Type: Léon 11126 (holo US; iso NY), Cuba, near Pico Turquino.
- Plagiogyria truncata* Mickel & Beitel, Mem. New York Bot. Gard. 46 (1988) 283, f. 15D; Palacios-Rios, Amer. Fern J. 80 (1990) 31. — Type: Mickel 3815 (holo NY, n.v.), Mexico, Oaxaca, alt. 2130 m, 5-X-1969.

Rhizome short to c. 15 cm long, erect to decumbent, thick with many stipe bases. *Stipes* stramineous (some pinkish), of sterile fronds 5–47 cm long, of fertile fronds 7–54 cm long, base slightly enlarged, (3–)4–8(–12) mm wide in the middle, in cross section three oval vascular bundles, upper part of stipe tetragonal, aerophores only present on base of stipe or seemingly absent at dry stage; rachises glabrous. Fronds covered with an amorphous gelatinous mucilage layer when dry, dorsal side of rachis flattened, grooved, or trigonous, not winged, rachis 1–3(–5) mm wide in the middle part. *Sterile lamina* firm herbaceous, not glaucous, pinnatifid except a few free basal pinnae, widest medially, (23–)32–68(–87) cm long, (4–)8–18(–27) cm wide, index (2.6–)3–4(–6); pinnae (25–)30–40(–70) pairs, widest medially, veins of pinnae paired at base or forked above base, with one branch forked above the base, with both branches forked above, or branched at base, both branches forked above, distinct on both

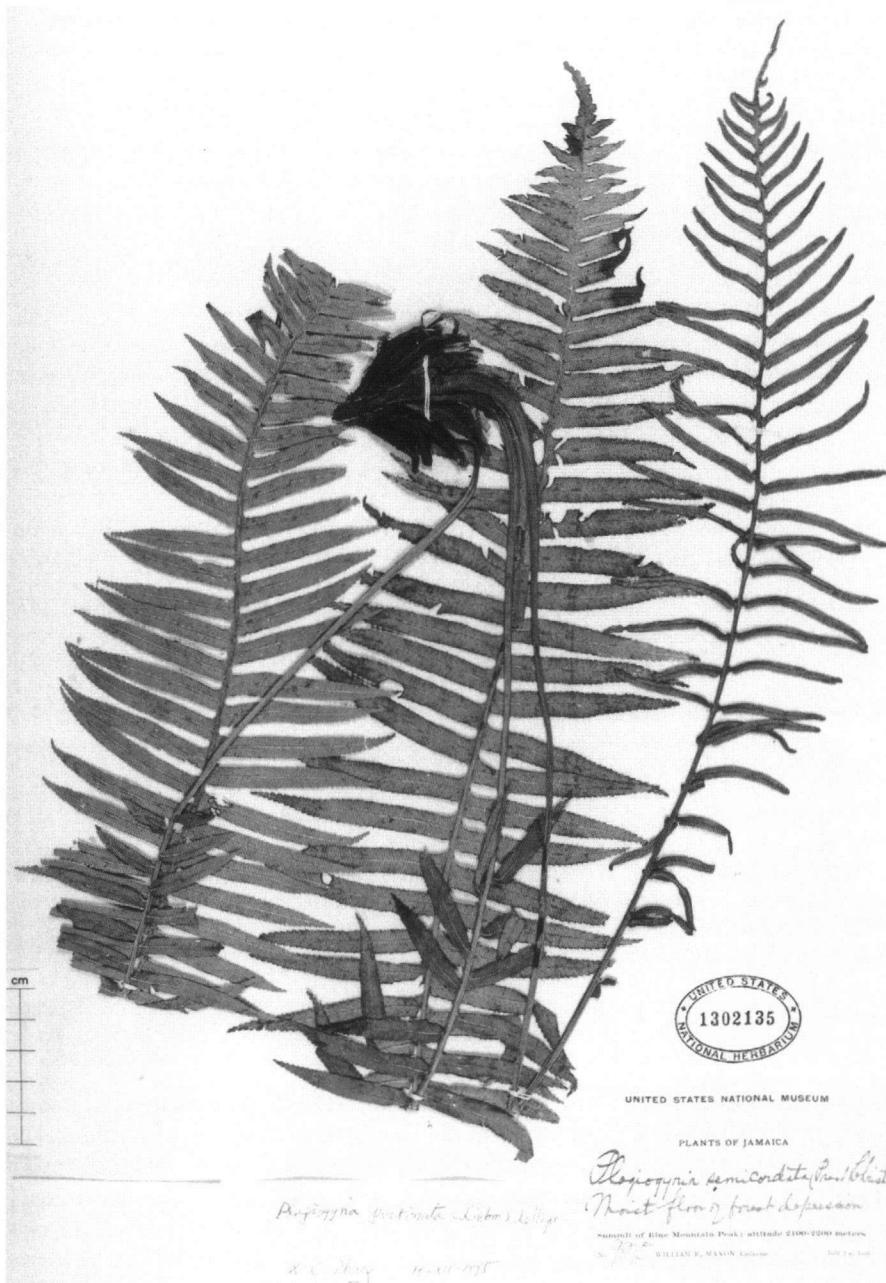
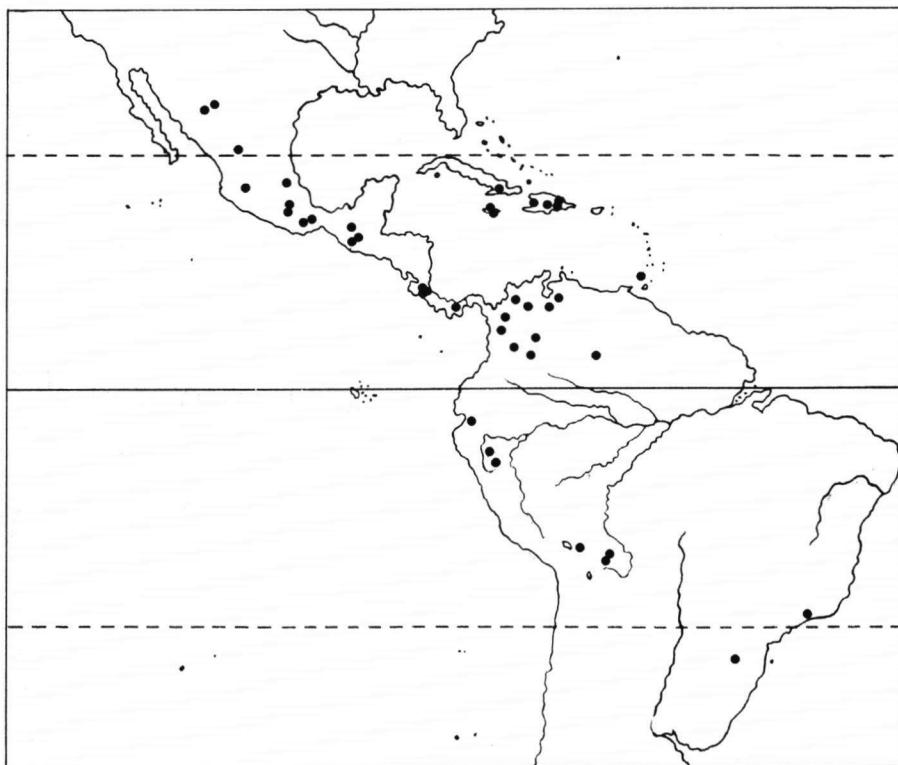


Fig. 12. *Plagiogyria pectinata* (Liebm.) Lellinger [W.R. Maxon 9875 (US), Jamaica, summit of Blue Mountain Peak].

surfaces, stomata along the two sides of a vein, absent in the middle area between two veins, margin serrulate to biserrulate, most pinnae except the uppermost with equilateral base, adnate to rachis; lowermost pinnae adnate but slightly constricted, slightly deflexed, gradually shortened or not; middle pinnae (2–)4–9(–14) cm long, 0.5–1 (–1.2) cm wide in the middle, acroscopic side of base adnate to the rachis but not into a wide wing, basiscopic side like the acroscopic side, straight to rachis, or round (slightly); uppermost pinnae adnate, base about equal-sided; apex of lamina pinnatifid, terminated by a pinnatilobed, long-triangular or short-triangular segment. *Fertile fronds* usually longer than the sterile ones, dorsal side of rachis grooved or flattened to semiterete, not winged, rachis 1–3(–4) mm wide in the middle part; lamina pinnate, pinnae sessile, base auriculate adnate, upper half pinnatifid, (16–)40–50(–60) cm long, (4.5–)7–14(–18) cm wide; pinnae glabrous, (20–)30–40(–45) pairs, margin erose; lowermost pinnae gradually shortened (not very obvious), (2–)3–4(–5) cm apart; middle pinnae (2.5–)4–8(–10) cm long, 2–4 mm wide, base broadly adnate; apex pinnatifid, acuminate or caudate. Paraphyses many, brown or yellow. Spores brown, with reddish tubercles.

Distribution — Mexico, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Cuba, Jamaica, Haiti, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Panama, Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, Brazil.



Map 4. Distribution of *Plagiogyria pectinata* (Liebm.) Lellinger.

Habitat — On wet slopes in forest, ravines, to subpáramo scrub or in protected sites on the páramo, also in coniferous forest in Mexico; altitude 1200–3570 m, usually 2000–3000 m.

Chromosome number — Walker (1966) reported $n = 66$, under the name of *P. semicordata* (C. Presl) H. Christ.

Note — Liebmam noted the specimen growing on oak trunks ('Voxer paa Ege-stammar'), which is believed to be a wrong field note by Copeland (1929), and Mickel (1987). It is believed that *Plagiogyria* is very strictly terrestrial. Rarely *Plagiogyria* can grow on tree trunks in very humid tropical forests. The type of *Lomaria pendula* Brause (synonym of *P. egenolfioides* var. *decrescens*) from Papua New Guinea is also labelled as an epiphyte.

We refrain from evaluating the variation of the American *Plagiogyria*, it is not so striking in comparison with its oriental relatives. Copeland (1929) regarded the American *Plagiogyria* not as a single species but 10, out of which 5 new; Lellinger (1971) made an elaborate survey and keyed out 6 species. Tryon & Tryon (1982) provisionally stated that there is only one member of *Plagiogyria* in the New World.

Van Cotthem (1970) for the first time reported the stomata of *P. pectinata* (*P. semi-cordata*) only along the lateral wings, and larger than in other species he studied.

The classification as a subspecies of the endemic Japanese *P. matsumureana* by Nakaike (1971) might be followed if *P. pectinata* would not have such characteristic spores and stomata patterns.

10. *Plagiogyria pycnophylla* (Kunze) Mett. — Fig. 13, 14, Map 5

Plagiogyria pycnophylla (Kunze) Mett., Farnatt. II (1858) 272, t. 4, f. 22; Bedd., Ferns Brit. India 1 (1865) pl. 52; Kuhn, Ann. Mus. Bot. Lugd.-Bat. 4 (1869) 291; Bedd., Handb. Ferns Brit. Indiæ (1892) 129; H. Christ, Bull. Soc. Bot. France (Mém.) 1 (1905) 63; Copel., Philipp. J. Sci. 1, Suppl. (1906) 154; Sarawak Museum J. 2 (1917) 388, p.p., excl. var. *integra*; Ridl., J. Malayan Branch Roy. Asiatic Soc. 4 (1926) 36; Copel., Philipp. J. Sci. 38 (1929) 390; Hand.-Mazz., Symb. Sin. 6 (1929) 38; C. Chr. & Holttum, Gard. Bull. Str. Settlem. 7 (1934) 224; Backer & Posth., Varenfl. Java (1939) 31; Copel., Fern Fl. Philipp. 2 (1960) 194; B.K. Nayar & F. Kazmi, Bull. Nat. Bot. Gard. 64 (1962) 28, f. 12; A. Das & R.D. Dixit, Bull. Bot. Surv. India 22 (1980) 159; Nakaike, Bull. Nat. Sci. Mus. Tokyo 17 (1991) 93; Parris et al., Pl. Mount Kinabalu 1 (1992) 97. — *Lomaria pycnophylla* Kunze, Bot. Zeitung (Berlin) 6 (1848) 143; Hook., Sp. Fil. 3 (1860) 21, t. 148; Hook. & Baker, Syn. Fil. (1868) 183; C.B. Clarke, Trans. Linn. Soc. London II, Bot. 1 (1880) 472; Racib., Pteridoph. Buitenzorg 1 (1898) 161. — *Stenochlaena*? *pycnophylla* (Kunze) C. Presl, Epim. Bot. (1851) 165. — [*Lomaria scandens* De Vriese ex Hook., Sp. Fil. (1860) 22, nom. nud., pro syn., non Willd.] — Lectotype (proposed here): *Gesker s.n.* (L sh. no. 908.325-138), Java, Mt Gede. See note 1.

Lomaria pycnophylla Kunze forma *major* Racib., Pteridoph. Buitenzorg 1 (1898) 162. — Lectotype: *Raciborski s.n.* (L sh. no. 908.316-303), Java, Mt Gede. See note 3.

Lomaria pycnophylla Kunze forma *alpina* Racib., Pteridoph. Buitenzorg 1 (1898) 162. — Lectotype: *Raciborski s.n.* (L sh. no. 938.297-304; iso in K, P), Java, Mt Pangerango. See note 3.

Lomaria glauca Blume var. *C* Blume, Enum. Pl. Javae (1828) 204. — Lectotype: *Blume s.n.* (L sh. no. 908.316-296), Java.

[*Lomaria glauca* Blume var. *concolor* Moritz, Syst. Verz. (1844) 112, nom. nud. — Voucher: Zollinger 232z (iso L), Java, G. Salak, alt. 2000 m, 2-4-XI-1843].

Lomaria callosa Féé, Mém. Foug. 5. Gen. Filic. (1853) 70. — Type: *Lobb* 274 (holo P, n.v.; iso BM, K), Java, 1847.

[*Plagiogyria adenopus* T. Moore ex Hook., Sp. Fil. 3 (1860) 22, nom. nud., pro syn. — Voucher unknown. See note 2].

- Plagiogyria scandens* Mett., Farngatt. II (1858) 273, t. 4: 21; Salomon, Nomencl. Gefässkrypt. (1883) 282; A. Das & R.D. Dixit, Bull. Bot. Surv. India 22 (1980) 159, photogr. 1, 2; R.D. Dixit & A. Das, Proc. Indian Acad. Sci. (Plant Sci.) 90 (1981) 381, photogr. 11; Jamir & R.R. Rao, Ferns of Nagaland (1988) 46, pl. 3. — Lectotype (Das & Dixit, 1980): *Griffith s. n.* (B; photogr. in CAL), Khasya. See note 4.
- Plagiogyria pycnophylla* var. *remota* H. Christ, Bull. Herb. Boissier 6 (1898) 150; Copel., Polypod. Philipp. Is. (1905) 97; Alderw., Malayan Ferns (1908) 343. — Type: *Loher* 953 (holo K), Luzon, Mt Data, alt. 2250 m, II-1894.
- Plagiogyria pycnophylla* (Kunze) Mett. var. *mixta* Copel., Philipp. J. Sci. 1, Suppl. (1906) 154. — Type: *Copeland* 1854 (n.v.), Mt Data, alt. 2000 m.
- Plagiogyria glauca* (Blume) Mett. var. *virescens* C. Chr., Contr. U.S. Natl. Herb. 26 (1931) 310. — *Plagiogyria virescens* Ching, Acta Phytotax. Sin. 7 (1958) 122, 148; Fl. Reipubl. Popul. Sin. 2 (1959) 99; B.K. Nayar & F. Kazmi, Bull. Nat. Bot. Gard. 64 (1962) 34; F. Kazmi, J. Bomb. Nat. Hist. Soc. 59 (1962) 698; Ching & S.K. Wu, Fl. Xizang. I (1983) 41. — Type: *Rock* 7644 (holo US, n.v.; iso GH, K, fragm. in PE), Yunnan, 'Shweli River drainage, basin to summit of Shweli-Salween watershed east of Tengyueh', XI-1922. See note 7.
- Plagiogyria gigantea* Ching, Lingnan Sci. J. 15 (1936) 275; Acta Phytotax. Sin. 7 (1958) 123, 148, pl. 36, f. 1; Fl. Reipubl. Popul. Sin. 2 (1959) 99; P.H. Hồ, Ill. Fl. Vietnam 1 (1991) 52, p.p., excl. f. 91, '*Plagiogyra*'; Tardieu & C. Chr., Fl. Indo-Chine 6 (1939) 75; R.D. Dixit & A. Das, Proc. Indian Acad. Sci. (Plant Sci.) 90 (1981) 382, photogr. 13; H.S. Kung, Fl. Sichuanica 6 (1986) 123; Jamir & R.R. Rao, Ferns of Nagaland (1988) 46; X. Cheng, Vascular. Pl. Hengduan Mount. 1 (1993) 18. — Type: *Forrest* 25279 (holo K, fragm. PE, photogr. BM), Yunnan, 'Shweli-Salween Divide', X-1924.
- Plagiogyria coeruleolescens* Ching, Acta Phytotax. Sin. 7 (1958) 123, 148, pl. 36, f. 2; Fl. Reipubl. Popul. Sin. 2 (1959) 100; R.D. Dixit & A. Das, Proc. Indian Acad. Sci. (Plant Sci.) 90 (1981) 381, photogr. 10. — Type: *Tsui*, W.H. 17 (holo PE), Yunnan, Jingdong, Mt Wuliangshan, alt. 3000 m, 1955.
- Plagiogyria communis* Ching, Acta Phytotax. Sin. 7 (1958) 122, 147, pl. 35, f. 2; Fl. Reipubl. Popul. Sin. 2 (1959) 98; Panigrahi, Bull. Bot. Surv. India 2 (1960) 313; B.K. Nayar & F. Kazmi, Bull. Nat. Bot. Gard. 64 (1962) 31; F. Kazmi, J. Bomb. Nat. Hist. Soc. 59 (1962) 697; N.C. Nair, Records Bot. Surv. India 20, 2 (1973) 2; Tagawa & K. Iwats., Fl. Thailand 3, 1 (1979) 48, f. 3: 5; Baishya & R.R. Rao, Ferns and Fern-allies of Meghalaya State, India (1982) 47; Ching & S.K. Wu, Fl. Xizang. I (1983) 40; K. Iwats. et al., J. Fac. Sci. Univ. Tokyo sect. 3, Bot. 14 (1986) 14; H.S. Kung, Fl. Sichuanica 6 (1986) 123, pl. 37, f. 4-6; K. Iwats., Himalayan Plants 1 (1988) 247; X. Cheng, Vascular. Pl. Hengduan Mount. 1 (1993) 17. — Type: *Feng*, K.M. 7407 (holo, PE), Yunnan, Gongshan, 'Cham-pu-tong', alt. 1800-2000 m, 4-IX-1940.
- Plagiogyria decrescens* Ching, Acta Phytotax. Sin. 7 (1958) 121, 146, pl. 33, f. 2; Fl. Reipubl. Popul. Sin. 2 (1959) 97; R.D. Dixit & A. Das, Proc. Indian Acad. Sci. (Plant Sci.) 90 (1981) 378, photogr. 8; X. Cheng, Vascular. Pl. Hengduan Mount. 1 (1993) 17. — Type: *Yu*, T.T. 20070 (holo PE; iso A), Yunnan, 'Taron-taru Divide, valley of Bucahwang', alt. 2600 m, 3-IX-1938. See note 5.
- Plagiogyria lanuginosa* Ching, Acta Phytotax. Sin. 7 (1958) 121, 147, pl. 34, f. 1; Fl. Reipubl. Popul. Sin. 2 (1959) 98; R.D. Dixit & A. Das, Proc. Indian Acad. Sci. (Plant Sci.) 90 (1981) 378, photogr. 9. — Type: *Feng*, K.M. 12788 (holo PE), Yunnan, Malipo, Zhongzhai, altitude 1600-1800 m, 3-XI-1947. See note 6.
- Plagiogyria lineata* Ching, Acta Phytotax. Sin. 7 (1958) 123, 149, pl. 37, f. 1; Fl. Reipubl. Popul. Sin. 2 (1959) 100; X. Cheng, Vascular. Pl. Hengduan Mount. 1 (1993) 18. — Type: *Yu*, T.T. 19982 (holo PE; iso A, also a paratype of *P. communis* Ching), Yunnan, 'Taron-Taru Divide, Tangtehwang', alt. 1800 m, 27-VIII-1938. Paratype: *Wang*, C.W. 67017 (A, PE), Yunnan, Gongshan, 'Cham-pu-tong', Zhuangdui, 5-X-1935.
- Plagiogyria minguensis* R.D. Dixit & A. Das, Proc. Indian Acad. Sci. (Plant Sci.) 90 (1981) 382, photogr. 12. — Type: *A.S. Rao* 17786a (holo CAL, n.v.).
- Plagiogyria simulans* Ching, Acta Phytotax. Sin. 7 (1958) 121, 146, pl. 34, f. 2; Fl. Reipubl. Popul. Sin. 2 (1959) 97; B.K. Nayar & F. Kazmi, Bull. Nat. Bot. Gard. 64 (1962) 32; F. Kazmi,

J. Bomb. Nat. Hist. Soc. 59 (1962) 697. — Type: *Li, M. K. A-1052* (holo PE), Yunnan, without exact locality, 1939.

Plagiogyria taliensis Ching, Acta Phytotax. Sin. 7 (1958) 121, 146, pl. 34, f. 1; Fl. Reipubl. Popul. Sin. 2 (1959) 97; X. Cheng, Vascular Pl. Hengduan Mount. 1 (1993) 17. — Type: *Tsiang, Y. 11604* (holo PE; iso K), Yunnan, Dali, Mt Cangshan, nr Zhonghesi, alt. 2500 m, 23-VIII-1933. See note 7.

Plagiogyria tetraptera W.M. Chu & J.J. He, Acta Bot. Yunn. Suppl. 5 (1992) 36, f. 2–4. — Type: *Chu, W.M. c.s. 11390* (PYU, n.v.). See note 7.

Plagiogyria wilhelmensis Nakaike, Bull. Nat. Sci. Mus. Tokyo 17 (1991) 93, f. 14. — Type: *Nakaike 280* (holo TNS, n.v.).

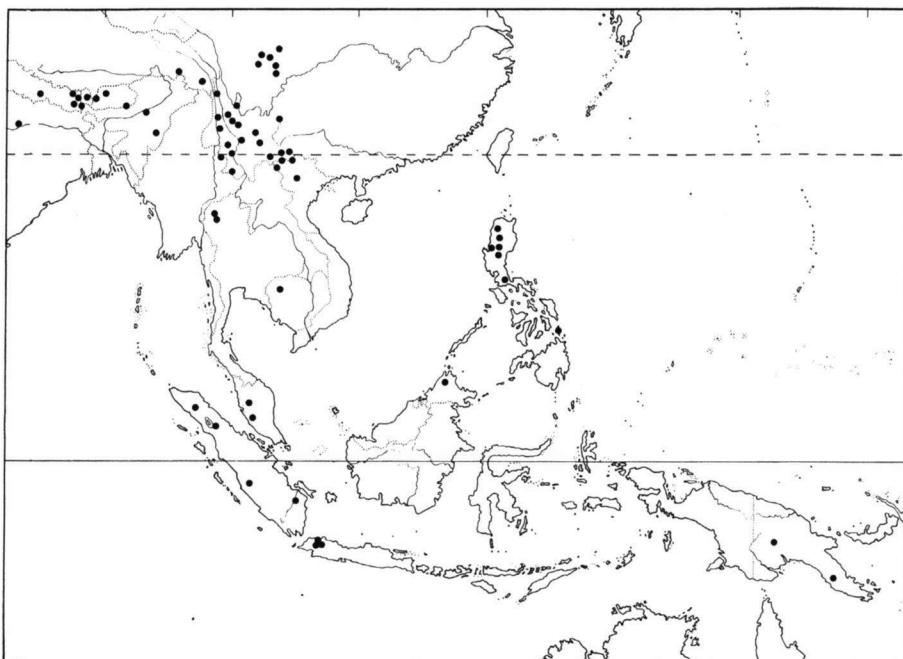
Rhizome short to c. 15 cm long, erect, narrow and very woody. *Stipes* stramineous or brownish, of sterile fronds 6–60 cm long, of fertile fronds 10–70 cm long, base strongly enlarged, 5–15 mm wide in the middle, in cross section one U-shaped vascular bundle, upper part of stipe tetragonal, terete, oval, or triangular, aerophores present on stipe and rachis, elongate, horn-like, with blunt apex; rachises glabrous to hairy to sometimes densely hairy. Fronds not covered with an amorphous gelatinous mucilage layer when dry, dorsal side of rachis flattened, semiterete, or grooved, not winged (or winged on ridges), rachis 1–4 mm wide in the middle part. *Sterile lamina* herbaceous, not glaucous, pinnate except the pinnatifid or pinnatilobed apex, widest medially, 15–100 cm long, 6–40 cm wide, index (1.8–)2.3–2.8(–4.1); pinnae 20–50 pairs, widest near base or below the middle, veins of pinnae simple to as many simple as forked, distinct on both surfaces, stomata scattered on the lower epidermis, margin serrulate, most pinnae except the uppermost with equilateral base, truncate or rounded; lowermost pinnae sessile to shortly stalked, slightly deflexed or not, gradually or slightly shortened, some pinnae vestigial on stipe sited by aerophores; middle pinnae 3–20 cm long, 0.6–2 cm wide in the middle, sessile, base truncate or rounded; apex of lamina pinnatifid, terminated by a pinnatilobed segment or by a pinna conform to lateral ones, base connected with 1–2 shorter lateral pinnae, 3–7 cm long. *Fertile fronds* usually longer than the sterile ones, dorsal side of rachis flattened, semiterete, or grooved, not or sometimes winged on the ridges (slightly, also along the corner line of stipe); lamina pinnate throughout, pinnae shortly stalked or nearly sessile, 20–70 cm long, 4–20 cm wide; pinnae glabrous, 16–40 pairs, margin erose; lowermost pinnae gradually shortened or some pairs aerophore-like vestiges on stipe together with aerophores, 2–4(–5) cm apart; middle pinnae (3–)4.5–13(–21) cm long, 2–4 mm wide, base sessile, slightly cordate, or shortly stalked; apex pinnatifid, acuminate or caudate or terminated by a pinna conform with the lateral ones which is often beaded at the base. Paraphyses few, mostly caducous, dark brown or brown. Spores yellow to brown, not obviously tuberculate.

Distribution — China (Sichuan, Yunnan, Xizang), N Burma, Sikkim, Bhutan, Nepal, E India (Assam, Khasia and Jaintea Hills, Manipur), Peninsular Malaysia, Sumatra, Java, Philippines (Luzon), Borneo (Mt Kinabalu), Sulawesi, New Guinea.

Habitat — In wet places of forest, altitude 1200–3500 m.

Notes — 1. Kunze's herbarium at Leipzig was destroyed (Stafleu & Cowan, 1979). Gesker's specimen in L is selected as lectotype because it is in accordance with Kunze's original material from Java that bears the name of '*Lomaria scandens* W.' by De Vriese.

2. The names *Plagiogyria adenopus* Moore and *Stenochlaena triquetra* J. Sm. are both on the labels of Hooker f. & Thomson's Khasia collections of this species. This



Map 5. Distribution of *Plagiogyria pycnophylla* (Kunze) Mett.

might well be the reason why Hooker (1860) and Clarke (1880) thought that Wallich no. 23 is a mixture of *P. euphlebia* and *P. pycnophylla*.

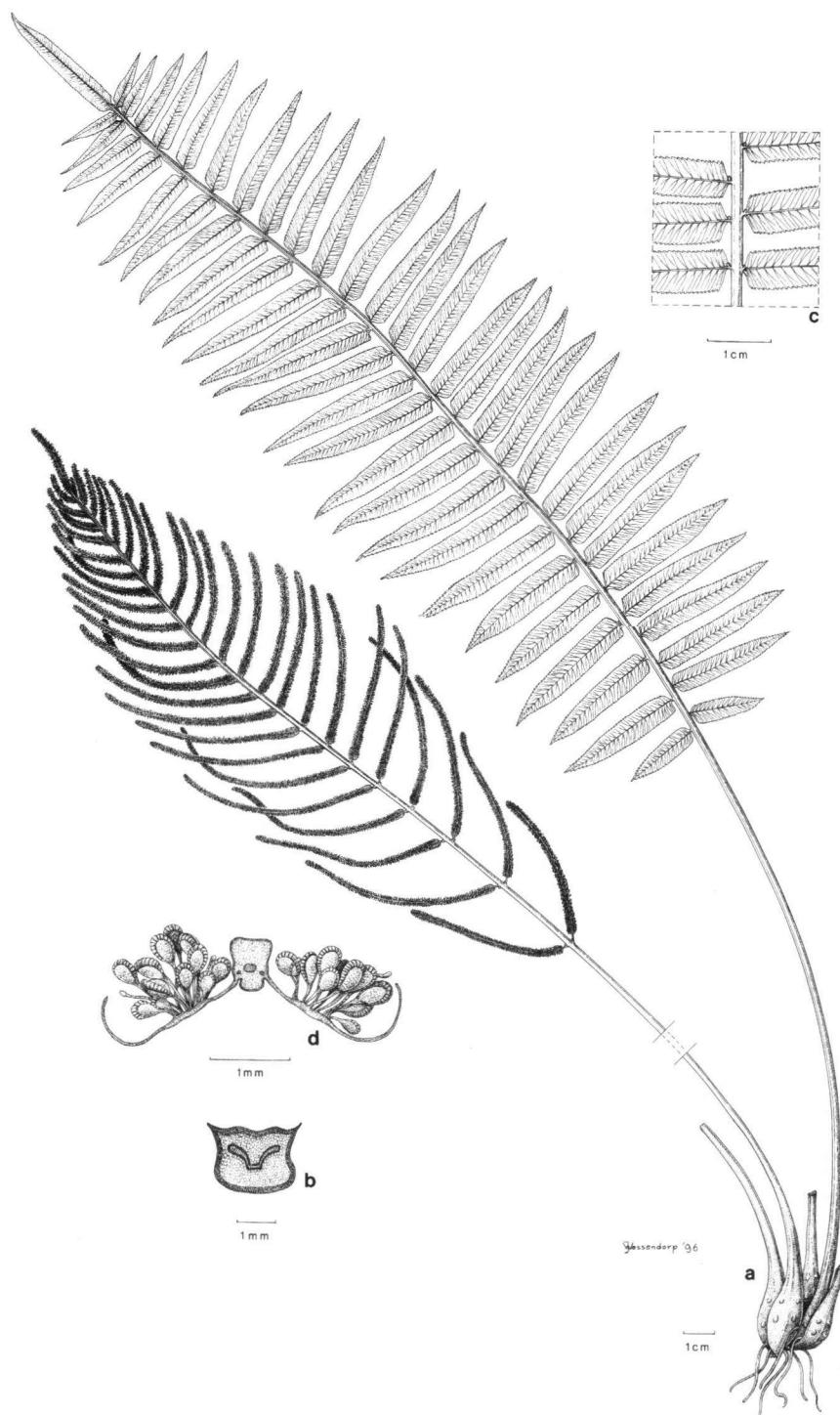
3. Raciborski did not designate the type of his two forms published in 1898. The collections, without numbers, are distributed in BO, KRA, L and P (cf. Köhler, 1989). The specimens in L bear his handwriting and can be regarded as lectotypes.

4. Mettenius validly published *P. scandens* which was based on Griffith's Khasya collection 'Stenochlaena Griff. in herb. Kunzei'. His drawing of a fertile pinna with a remote vein connecting the ends of all the lateral veins we believe to be a wrong observation. In *P. pycnophylla* and *P. egenolfioides* the fertile pinnae always show a dark thick strip along the ends of veins which could be mistaken as containing a vein.

Das & Dixit (1980) chose as lectotype for *P. scandens* Mett. a Griffith specimen in Mettenius' herbarium in Berlin. They separated it from *P. pycnophylla* based on the very variable terminal leaflet, usually pinnatifid, occasionally conform to the lateral one.

5. *Plagiogyria decrescens* has the lowermost pinnae gradually shortened and a short stipe devoid of aerophores, in contrast to normal *P. pycnophylla* that has aerophores on the stipe juxtaposed with reduced auricular pinnae. Stolons are also found in this form (Zink & Zhang no. 613 from Sichuan).

6. Ching's *P. lanuginosa* has a dense cover of hairs on stipe and rachis. The presence of hairs on mature specimens is a variable character; very common is that hairs only remain at the base of lateral pinnae or sparsely on the rachis. This form more often occurs in SE Tibet, SE Yunnan, N Vietnam, and Java, and may have relation with



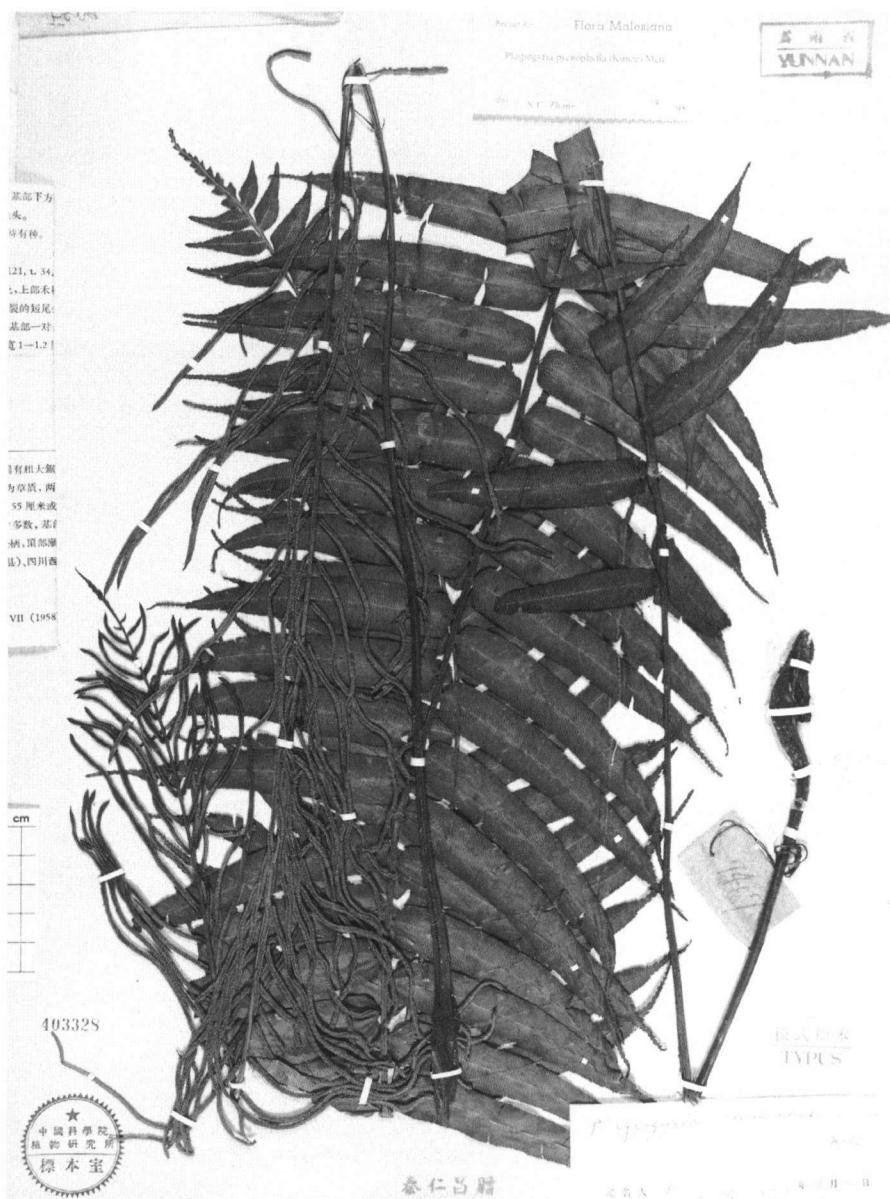


Fig. 14. *Plagiogyria pycnophylla* (Kunze) Mett. [K.M. Feng 7407 (PE), China, Yunnan, Gongshan].

Fig. 13. *Plagiogyria pycnophylla* (Kunze) Mett. [Palmer & Bryant 963 (GH), Java, Mt Pangrango].
 a. Habit; b. cross-section through stipe; c. detail of pinnae; d. cross-section of fertile pinna with sporangia.

limestone subsoil. In *P. glauca* some collections from Sulawesi and New Guinea have hairs like that of *P. lanuginosa*.

7. Small to medium-sized specimens with very thin wings on the four angles of the stipe are occasionally found in the moist forests in Assam, Yunnan, and Thailand, but are very common in the Philippines. Another extreme condition of *P. pycnophylla* is the form named as *P. virescens* or *P. taliensis* collected from open dry habitat, which show a shiny, glabrous, round stipe, at least for the lower half.

11. *Plagiogyria stenoptera* (Hance) Diels — Fig. 15

Plagiogyria stenoptera (Hance) Diels in Engl. & Prantl, Nat. Pflanzenfam. 1, 4 (1899) 282; Copel., Philipp. J. Sci. 1, Suppl. (1906) 154; Alderw., Malayan Ferns (1908) 341; Nakai, Bot. Mag. (Tokyo) 42 (1928) 208; Tak. Itô, Ill. Pl. Formos. Suppl. (1928) pl. 203; Copel., Philipp. J. Sci. 39 (1929) 398; C. Chr. & Tardieu, Notul. Syst. (Paris) 6 (1937) 134; Tardieu & C. Chr., Fl. Indo-Chine 6 (1939) 77, f. 9: 1–3; Ogata, Icon. Filic. Jap. 8 (1940) pl. 389; Ohwi, Fl. Japan (1957) 51; S.H. Fu, Ill. Important Chinese Pl., Pterid. (1957) 41, f. 49; Ching, Acta Phytotax. Sin. 7 (1958) 126, 152, pl. 39, f. 2; Fl. Reipubl. Popul. Sin. 2 (1959) 103; Tagawa, Col. Ill. Jap. Pterid. (1959) 69, 240, pl. 22, f. 129; Copel., Fern Fl. Philipp. 2 (1960) 196; Shing, Iconogr. Cormoph. Sinicorum 1 (1972) 127, f. 253; De Vol, Taiwania 17 (1972) 285, pl. 1, f. 6; pl. 3; De Vol & C. Y. Lu, Fl. Taiwan 1 (1975) 145; Nakaike, Enum. Pterid. Jap. Filic. (1975) 10; Kurata & Nakaike, Ill. Pterid. Jap. 4 (1985) 260; H. S. Kung, Fl. Sichuanica 6 (1986) 124, pl. 35, f. 2; P.H. Hô, Ill. Fl. Vietnam 1 (1991) 53, f. 94, 'Plagiogyra'; Nakaike, New Fl. Jap. Pterid. (1992) 238, photogr. 238; K. Iwats., Ferns and Fern Allies of Japan (1992) 77, pl. 29, photogr. 5; X.C. Zhang, Expl. Pl. Resou. Mt Jiuwanshan, Guangxi (1993) 208; W.C. Shieh et al., Fl. Taiwan 1, ed. 2 (1994) 138, pl. 52. — *Blechnum stenopterum* Hance, J. Bot. 21 (1883) 268. — *Lomaria concinna* Baker, J. Bot. 23 (1885) 103, nom. superfl.; Baker in Hook., Icon. Pl. 7 (1886) pl. 1644. — *Lomaria stenoptera* (Hance) Baker, Ann. Bot. (London) 5 (1891) 40, 220. — Type: *Hancock* 39 (K; iso BM), Taiwan, 'Tamsui District', XI-1881. See note 1.

Plagiogyria henryi H. Christ, Bull. Herb. Boissier 7 (1899) 47; Bull. Soc. Bot. France (Mém.) 1 (1905) 64; Copel., Philipp. J. Sci. 38 (1929) 399, pl. 5; Ching in Hu & Ching, Icon. Filic. Sin. 1 (1930) pl. 30; C. Chr., Contr. U.S. Natl. Herb. 26 (1931) 309, pl. 21. — *Lomaria decurrens* Baker, Kew Bull. 1 (1906) 9, nom. superfl. — Type: *Henry* 9036a (K, P), Yunnan, 'Mengtze, E Mt 6000'. See note 2.

[*Plagiogyria auriculifera* Makino, Bot. Mag. (Tokyo) 23 (1909) 244, nom. nud., pro syn.]

Plagiogyria argutissima H. Christ, Bull. Acad. Int. Géogr. Bot. 20 (1910) 141; Copel., Philipp. J. Sci. 38 (1929) 403; Ching, Acta Phytotax. Sin. 7 (1958) 125, 151, pl. 39, f. 1; Fl. Reipubl. Popul. Sin. 2 (1959) 102. — Type: *Cavalerie* 3392 (holo P; iso PE), Guizhou, 'Pin-fa', alt. 990–1000 m, X-1908. See note 3.

Plagiogyria petelotii Copel., Philipp. J. Sci. 38 (1929) 399, pl. 6; P.H. Hô, Ill. Fl. Vietnam 1 (1991) 53, f. 93, 'Plagiogyra'. — Type: *Pételot* 1656 (P), Tonkin, Chapa, VII-1924.

Plagiogyria stenoptera (Hance) Diels var. *major* Ching, Acta Phytotax. Sin. 7 (1958) 126, 152; Fl. Reipubl. Popul. Sin. 2 (1959) 104. — Type: *Tsiang*, Y. 4653 (holo PE), Guizhou, Zhenfeng, 13-X-1931.

Plagiogyria matsumureana auct. non Makino: Hayata, Bot. Mag. (Tokyo) 23 (1909) 32, p.p.

Rhizome short, erect to suberect, thick with many stipe bases. *Stipes* stramineous, of sterile fronds (3–)4–8(–12) cm long, of fertile fronds (9–)11–22(–28) cm long, base slightly enlarged, 4–8 mm wide in the middle, in cross section one V-shaped vascular bundle, upper part of stipe tetragonal, aerophores only present on base of stipe; rachises glabrous. Fronds not covered with an amorphous gelatinous mucilage layer when dry, dorsal side of rachis flattened or upwards carinate, with crisped wings on the two ridges or not, rachis 1–2 mm wide in the middle part. *Sterile lamina* herbaceous, not

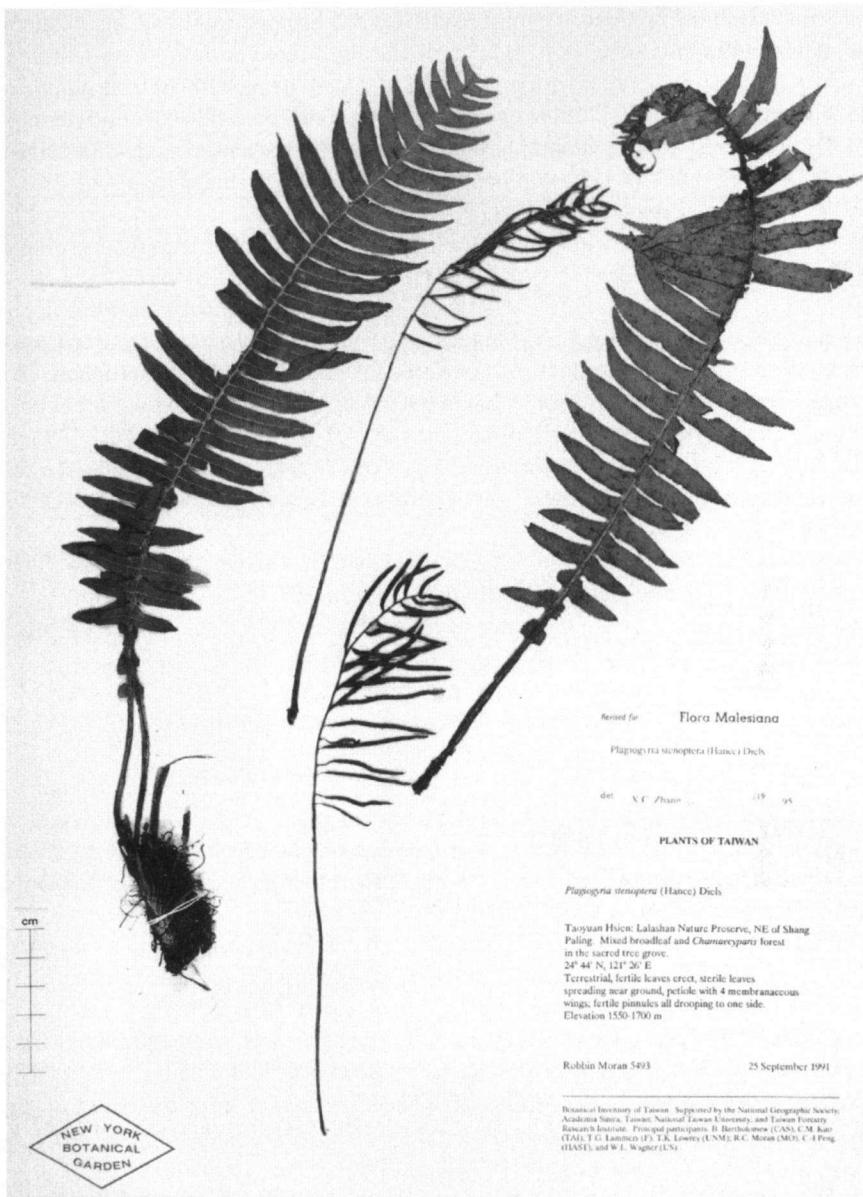


Fig. 15. *Plagiogyria stenoptera* (Hance) Diels [Robbin Moran 5493 (NY), China, Taiwan, Taoyuan, Lalashan Nature Preserve].

glaucous, pinnatifid, widest medially, 20–62 cm long, 4–20 cm wide, index (2.6–) 3.3–4.3(–5.5); pinnae 25–35 pairs (auricle pinnae excluded), widest near base or medially (in very large forms), veins of pinnae forked above base, distinct on both surfaces, stomata scattered on the lower epidermis, margin serrulate or towards the

base becoming entire or nearly so, most pinnae except the uppermost with inequilateral base, adnate to rachis; (0–)3–6(–11) pairs reduced to mere auricles; middle pinnae 2.5–10.5 cm long, 0.7–1.4 cm wide in the middle, acroscopic side of base adnate to the rachis into a wide wing, basiscopic side like the acroscopic side or round (in large fronds); uppermost pinnae adnate, base about equal-sided, basiscopically decurrent into rachis wing; apex of lamina pinnatifid. *Fertile fronds* usually longer to shorter than the sterile ones, dorsal side of rachis flattened to grooved, sometimes winged on the ridges, rachis 1–2 mm wide in the middle part; lamina pinnate throughout, pinnae nearly sessile or rarely deeply pinnatifid and rachis slightly winged throughout, (10–) 35–55(–75) cm long, 4–8(–12) cm wide (because pinnae drooping to one side); pinnae sparsely short glandular hairy on the inner side, 15–30 pairs (vestigial ones excluded); margin of pinnae entire to subentire; some pairs of lowermost pinnae aerophore-like vestiges on stipe together with aerophores (or sometimes replaced by auricle pinnae like the sterile ones), 2 cm apart; middle pinnae (2.5–)4–6(–12) cm long, 2–3 mm wide, base shortly stalked; apex terminated by a pinna conform with the lateral ones, which is often beaded at the base. Paraphyses absent. Spores yellow, with reddish tubercles.

Distribution — Japan (Yakushima), China (Hubei, Hunan, Guangxi, Taiwan, Sichuan, Guizhou, Yunnan), Vietnam, Philippines (Luzon).

Habitat — In moist dense mountain forests, or in ravines, rocky slopes, altitude 500–2500 m.

Chromosome number — Tsai (1973) reported $n = 75$.

Notes — 1. Baker (1885) published *Lomaria concinna* based on *Hancock* 39, which is also the type of *Blechnum stenopterum* Hance (1883).

Following Ching (1958), Lellinger (1971) founded *Plagiogyria* sect. *Carinatae* on *P. argutissima*. They both mistook it for a member of the ‘three vascular bundles’ group constituted by the Old World *P. matsumureana*, and the New World *P. pectinata*. *Plagiogyria argutissima* is conspecific with *P. stenoptera* which has one V-shaped vascular bundle, it is the nearest relative of the two ‘three vascular bundles’ species, distinguished by its lower pinnae reduced to small confluent auricles and by its stalked fertile pinnae consistently beaked at the apex; obviously it is also very close to *P. assurgens* and *P. falcata*.

2. Christ (1899), when working at Basel, published *P. henryi* based on *Henry* 9036a. His pteridophyte specimens were purchased by Bonaparte and are now in Paris. Not knowing Christ’s work, Baker (1906) published *Lomaria decurrens*, based on the Kew duplicate of Henry’s collection (Baker cited *Henry* 9036, in fact it is 9036a in K, *Henry* 9036 is *P. adnata* as it is also in NY and P).

3. There are five specimens (3 not mounted) of *Cavalerie* 3392 in P of exactly the same shape and probably collected from the same plant. The only sheet in PE is also from the same collection. Rosenstock (1913) cited *Cavalerie* 3392p (‘Kuy-tcheu, Pin-fa et Kuy-yang, X-1912’) as the holotype of *P. adnata* var. *angustata*. The specimen identified by him as this variety in L is *Cavalerie* s.n., Kuy-tchen, Pin-fa, Pai-he-hin, X-1912 (Rosenstock, *Filic. Chin. Exp.* 170), but it is another common species, namely *P. falcata*. Morton Neg. No. 1797 was taken from this sheet in Leiden.

HYBRIDS

1. *Plagiogyria × neointermedia* Nakaike

Plagiogyria × neointermedia Nakaike, Bull. Nat. Sci. Mus. Tokyo 14 (1971) 262; Enum. Pterid. Jap. Filic. (1975) 8; Kurata & Nakaike, Ill. Pterid. Jap. 7 (1994) 24. — Type: *Nakaike 15138* (holo, TOFO, n.v.), Japan, Owase, Kuki.

Nakaike supposed this to be a hybrid between *P. eupblebia* and *P. rankanensis* (*P. adnata* in this treatment).

2. *Plagiogyria × sessifolia* Nakaike

Plagiogyria × sessifolia Nakaike, Bull. Nat. Sci. Mus. Tokyo 14 (1971) 262, pl. 2, f. 2; Enum. Pterid. Jap. Filic. (1975) 10 (*sessilifolia*); Kurata & Nakaike, Ill. Pterid. Jap. 7 (1994) 28; Nakaike, Ind. Hybr. Ferns Jap. (1970) 25, nom. nud. — Type: *Kido, M. 4255* (holo TOFO), Japan, Ohguchi, Fuke, 9-X-1961.

Nakaike spelled the name as ‘*sessifolia*’ when the name was validly published. It is supposed to be a hybrid of *P. eupblebia* and *P. japonica*.

3. *Plagiogyria × wakabae* Nakaike

Plagiogyria × wakabae Nakaike, Bull. Nat. Sci. Mus. Tokyo 14 (1971) 262; Enum. Pterid. Jap. Filic. (1975) 10; Kurata & Nakaike, Ill. Pterid. Jap. 7 (1994) 34; Nakaike, Ind. Hybr. Ferns Jap. (1970) 25, nom. nud. — Type: *Kurata, S. s.n.* (holo TOFO), Japan, Takeo, Mt Mifuneyama, 11-VIII-1961.

This is supposed to be a hybrid between *P. japonica* and *P. rankanensis*.

Currently, the status of the above three hybrids is not confirmed due to a lack of cytological investigation. Type specimens all show shrivelled, irregular spores, and the fronds show intermediate forms between the supposed parents. *Plagiogyria adnata*, *P. eupblebia*, and *P. japonica* are three very close related species, and sympatric from Central China to Japan. Ching (1958) suspected that *P. japonica* is a hybrid of the former two judging from the morphology of this species, but this is not supported by the reported chromosome counts. We find many specimens of *P. japonica* that produce abnormal spores, quite a few specimens approach the morphology of *P. adnata*, and also many specimens of *P. adnata* approach the shape of *P. japonica*. It seems that hybrid swarms exist between *P. adnata* and *P. japonica* from Central China to the Japanese Islands. We could not find more intermediates between *P. adnata* and *P. eupblebia*, and between *P. eupblebia* and *P. japonica* in the collections available for this research. Since different quantities of abnormal spores are found in most species and shrivelled ones conspicuously in the younger stage specimens (usually those collected before September), as we noticed during the studies of *Plagiogyria*, spore abortion may also be caused by disturbance of the normal process of spore development by certain external factors (Hennipman, 1977; Hovenkamp, 1986). An other reason is that by the nature of the so-called ‘mixed sorus’ (Bower, 1910) of *Plagiogyria* the sporangia are not all in the same development stage and, without any

indication of a gradate sequence on one fertile lamina, the young spores are often mixed with ripe ones in samples of spores which are not collected from a single sporangium. If the above three hybrids are not hybrids after all, *P. × neointermedia* and *P. × wakabae* would be identified as *P. japonica*, *P. × sessilifolia* as *P. eupblebia*.

DUBIOUS HYBRIDS

1. [*Plagiogyria adnata* × *P. pseudojaponica* Hatus., Fl. Ryukyus sec. ed. (1994) 6, nom. nud. — Voucher: Unknown].
2. [*Plagiogyria pseudojaponica* × *P. yakushimensis* Hatus., Fl. Ryukyus sec. ed. (1994) 6, nom. nud. — Voucher: Unknown].

Hatusima mentioned the above two hybrids from S Japan without any explanation. According to the above delimitation of species, *P. pseudojaponica* is conspecific with *P. japonica*, and *P. yakushimensis* is *P. adnata* (the population of small plants). If the hybrid plants exist, they could be considered to be hybrids between *P. adnata* and *P. japonica*.

DUBIOUS NAME

- Plagiogyria furunculata* Bir, Biology of Indian Pteridophytes (1987) 216, nom. nud. — Voucher: Unknown, India.

EXCLUDED NAMES

1. *Acrostichum seetacooneense* Roxb. ex Griff., Calcutta J. Nat. Hist. 4 (1844) 480. — Type: *Roxburgh s.n.* (BR), Bangladesh, Chittagong, near the burning wells of Seetacoond. = *Bolbitis appendiculata* (Willd.) K. Iwats. subsp. *vivipara* var. *vivipara* (see Hennipman, 1977).

Moore (1857) suspected *Acrostichum seetacooneense* Roxb. to be a synonym of *Lomaria triquetra* (= *Plagiogyria eupblebia*). Christensen (1906) suggested it is a species of *Plagiogyria* or *Stenochlaena*.

2. *Lomaria ? lucida* C. Presl, Reliq. Haenk. 1 (1825) 52. — Type: Herb. Presl (Prague), Luzon.

Copeland (1929) suspected this to be an earlier name for *Plagiogyria glauca* (Blume) Mett. After a study of Presl's type in Prague, Holttum (1968) reported that the type is a young sterile plant of *Diplazium*, possibly *D. pallidum*, and believed that Presl's name should be treated as a nomen dubium (see also Price, 1972).

3. *Plagiogyria nana* Fée ex Salomon, Nomencl. Gefässkrypt. (1883) 282, nom. nud., pro syn. — Voucher: Unknown.

In Salomon's index *P. nana* Fée is a synonym of *Blechnum nigrum* Mett.

4. *Plagiogyria niponica* Mett. ex Salomon, Nomencl. Gefässkrypt. (1883) 282, nom. nud., pro syn. — Voucher: Unknown.

Salomon listed *P. niponica* Mett., a manuscript name, as a synonym of '*Blechnum spicant* var.'. Perhaps it is identical with *Blechnum niponicum* (*Struthiopteris niponica*), a common Japanese fern.

5. *Plagiogyria ornifolia* Féé ex Salomon, Nomencl. Gefässkrypt. (1883) 282, nom. nud., pro syn.

Salomon listed *P. ornifolia* Féé as a synonym of *Blechnum procerum* Sw.

IDENTIFICATION LIST

<i>Plagiogyria</i>	<i>4. euphlebia</i>
1. <i>adnata</i>	5. <i>falcata</i>
2. <i>assurgens</i>	6. <i>glaуca</i>
3. <i>egenolfioides</i>	7. <i>japonica</i>
a. var. <i>egenolfioides</i>	8. <i>matsumureana</i>
b. var. <i>decrescens</i>	9. <i>pectinata</i>
c. var. <i>latipinna</i>	10. <i>pycnophylla</i>
d. var. <i>sumatrana</i>	11. <i>stenoptera</i>

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