



## Ten new records of *Polystichum* (Dryopteridaceae) for Vietnam and lectotypification of *Polystichum atroviridissimum* and *P. fimbriatum*

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### Abstract

Ten new records of *Polystichum* (Dryopteridaceae; pteridophyta) for Vietnam, *P. auriculum*, *P. dangii*, *P. excellens*, *P. fimbriatum*, *P. liboense*, *P. minimum*, *P. mucronifolium*, *P. nepalense*, *P. subacutidens*, and *P. xichouense*, are reported from new collections, incorrectly attributed past collections, or unidentified material. Color images are provided for newly collected species. Type information is given for all related names. We also lectotypified two names of *Polystichum*: *P. atroviridissimum* and *P. fimbriatum*.

### Introduction

Only fairly recently has Vietnam been recognized as a country of enormously rich biodiversity. Although understanding the biodiversity in Vietnam has been achieved for a number of groups of seed plants in recent years (e.g., Actinidiaceae: Nguyen, 2006; Begonia sect. *Platycentrum*: Nguyen, 2004; *Camellia*: Ming, 2000; cycads: Osborne *et al.* 2007; Euphorbiaceae: Nguyen, 2007; Orchidaceae: Averyanov, 2003; etc.), little is known about the fern diversity in Vietnam (Tardieu-Blot & Christensen 1941, Pham 1999, Phan 2010).

Recent explorations of fern diversity in some nature reserves of Vietnam have led to new record of 22 species of ferns to Vietnam (Wu *et al.* 2005a, b, 2006, 2012). Notably, two new genera of ferns, *Caobangia* Smith & Zhang (2002: 546) and *Kontumia* S.K.Wu & K.L.Phan (in Wu *et al.* 2005a: 245), and a new species of *Polystichum*, *P. hagiangense* Li Bing Zhang, Ngan T. Lu & Liang Zhang (in Lu *et al.* 2014), have been discovered in Vietnam in recent years. These discoveries underscore the rich diversity of ferns in Vietnam.

As a continuation of efforts to study fern diversity in Vietnam, we here report ten new records of the genus *Polystichum* Roth (Dryopteridaceae) for Vietnam based on recent fieldwork and herbarium investigation.

### New distributional records

***Polystichum auriculum*** Ching (1949: 309). Type:—CHINA. Yunnan Province: Mar-li-po, Hwang-gin-yin, 1100 m, under dense forest, 21 January 1940, C. W. Wang 86309 (holotype PE-00044666!) (Fig. 1).

**Additional specimens examined:**—VIETNAM. Ha Giang Province: Bat Dai Son Community, Bat Dai Son Provincial Protected Area, valley just west of Bat Dai Son border station, valley of slash and burn agriculture, then up, degraded secondary vegetation in shade, 23°09'04"N, 104°59'53"E, 1000 m, 11 February 2001, D.K. Harder, P.K. Loc, L.V. Averyanov, G.E. Schatz & S. Bodine 6141 (HNU!, MO!). Ha Giang Province: Vi Xuyen District, Tung Ba Community, Khau Ca Nature Reserve, Khau Ca top, Hom Mountain, 22°50'40"N, 105°07'47"E, 850 m, 13 December 2013, Li Bing Zhang, Liang Zhang & Ngan T. Lu 6952 (CDBI!, MO!, VNMN!).

*Polystichum xichouense* has pinnae less oblique at the base and more regularly toothed on the margins, especially on the upper margins, than the morphologically most similar species, *P. minimum* (Y.T.Hsieh) Li Bing Zhang (Fig. 6).

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