A LIST OF THE FERNS AND FERN ALLIES FOUND IN ORCHID ISLAND, TAIWAN(1,2)

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Abstract: There are 103 species of ferns growing in Orchid Island. Among them, 14 are "endemie" species not found elsewhere in Taiwan. The general phytogeography and floristic history of Orchid Island is briefly discussed. A list of the 108 ferns and fern allies found in Orchid Island and neighbouring Green Island is also given.

INTRODUCTION

Orchid Island is a lovely island situated in the Pacific Ocean some 68 kilometers off the East coast of Taiwan and 140 kilometers away from the Batan Islands at the northern end of the Philippine archipelago (see Fig. 1). Formerly, it was known as Botel Tobago or Kotosyo, and spelt in some maps as Lan Hsu or Lan-yu, both meaning literally in Chinese the 'island of orchids'. This island is actually famed for its beautiful and attractive 'butterfly orchids', Phalaenopsis aphrodite Reichb. and P. ritewanensis Masm. (Ma, 1954; Chen, 1955; Huang, 1957; Liu, 1961).

There are about 1,800 Yami aborigines living in six villages along the coastal plains of Orchid Island. This is by far the smallest and one of the primitive tribe of aborigines living in Taiwan. The Yami make their living by fishing and farming. The men fish in their small but artistic canoes or row-boats, raise their hogs and sheeps in the wilds, and the women farm, grow such crops and vegetables as taro, sweet potatoes and sugar cane, and such fruits as papaya, coconut and betel nuts (Wei & Liu, 1962).

GEOLOGY

Orchid Island covers an area of about 45 square kilometers (Inoue, 1934; Lin, 1967). It is an old volcanic island which was recently upfirled and which is geologically distinct from the main island of Taiwan (see Fig. 1). The central portion of Orchid Island is mostly formed by andesite while northern and southern central parts are andesitic stuff. Coral-limestones are found, in parts, along the northern, northwestern, and around the southern coasts. Only a small areas of alluvial deposit can be seen stretching along the eastern coastal region. Orchid Island belongs to the volcanic chain extending from northern Luzon through the Babuyan and Batan Islands of the Philippines to the Green Island (Lu-tao or Kwasyoto) and further North to the Turtle Island (Kwei-shan Tao) off the coast of I-lan.

Orchid Island is rather mountainous. The highest peak (Hung-tou Shan, £15#11) being of 548 meters above sea level. Some of the mountains are heavily cultivated or else utilized otherwise by the local inhabitants, e.g. Shiang-ai Shan (£15#11, 507 m) and Fun Shan (£15#14, 407 m), while most of them still remain as virgin jungles and contain abundant firewoods and building materials for canose or row-boats. We have botanized around Tien-tve (£78#10 and most

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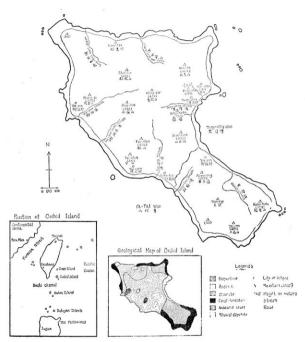


Fig. 1. Map of Orchid Island.

of the virgin jungles in these mountains. They include, from North to South and East to West, Gen-tu Shan (朱亮山, 462 m), Shar-sir Shan (我庭山, 494 m), Ching-sir Shan (青庭山, 438 m), Hung-tou Shan (在頭山, 548 m), Shan-tien Shan (山田山, 434 m), Tar-sen Shan (大森山, 480 m), and Kuan-tung Shan (觀泉山, 377 m). There are many streams in Orchid Island. Some, like Yee-zen Stream (漁人談), Yea-you South Stream (鄭油南袋) and Tung-ching Stream (東清綾) flow the whole year round, and some, like Hung-tou Stream (紅頭裘) and Lung-tau West Stream (龍島青綠) do not.

CLIMATE

Orchid Island has a tropical climate (Chen, 1955; Chang, 1967; Liu & Liao, 1971). It is hot, humid and windy. The mean annual temperature is 25.4°C, with the highest in August (34.9°C) and the lowest in January (13.7°C). The mean annual rainfall is 3,440 mm, with the highest in October (658 mm) and the lowest in March and April (137 mm). Frequent and strong winds blow more than 260 days per year.

FLORA AND FERNS

In the past, a few naturalists were interested in the fauna and flora of this isolated and enchanting island (Kano, 1931; Sasaki, 1932; Kanehira, 1936). Early collections and studies were made mostly by the Japanese and later by Chinese investigators.

The flora and fauna of Orchid Island is rather peculiar (Merrill, 1923). According to previous studies and analyses (Kano, 1933; Kanehira, 1935; Suzuki, 1932; Li & Keng, 1950) it contains mainly Asian elements but many of the tava found in Orchid Island belong to the Philippine and Malaysian series. Our preliminary phytogeographical analysis on the ferns of Orchid Island seems to indicate that more than a tenth of the fern flora belongs to elements found only in the Philippines and Malaysia and not found either in the island of Taiwan or neighbouring Okinawa, Hainan or continental China, indicating a close phytogeographical relationship to the Malesian areas. It also shows intimate connection with the fern flora of Guam of the Mariana Islands (Stone, 1971).

Several general floristic studies on the vascular plants of Orchid Island have been published, notably by Kawakami and Sasaki (1915), Liu, Sasaki and Keng (1955, 1957), Chang (1967), and Liu and Liao (1971). For ferns I would like to cite studies made or reports written by Yabe (1902, 49 ferns), Sasaki (1937, 89 ferns), Hatusima (1970, 61 ferns), and C. M. Kuo (1972, unpublished field trip report, 69 ferns).

Since Orchid Island is rapidly becoming a holiday resort with ever increasing number of load and/or foreign tourists pouring in every day, especially during weekends, and the increasing utilization of land and natural resources, it is an appropriate time for us to re-investigate the fern flora in this small island before they vanish or become permanently extinct. Accordingly, the author made several field study and collecting trips to Orchid Island during these past few years.

We found that the fern vegetation of Orchid Island is luxuriant and it is a paradise for field botanists. Although it is only about 1/800 the size of Taiwan, it has more than 1/6 of Taiwan's fern flora! There are the giant tree ferns like Sphaeropteris lepifera and the tiny ferns of the filmy fern family.

Ferns are found to inhabit all kinds of ecological habitats. Atolla pinnata is found floating, and Marsilea crenata and Ceratoperis thalitroides are found growing in paddy fields or on muddy banks. Along sandy coastal areas we will see Pieris fauriei and Christella acuminata, and the former is by far the commonest species found in these areas. Along banks of sandy streams and ponds one sees Angiopteris palmiformis, Equisetum ramosistimum ssp. debile, Osmunda banksiaejolia, Pitegopteris decursive-pinnata, Cientis eatonii, Christella parasticus, Macrothelypteris torresiana, Sphaerostephanos kotoensis, Anisogonium esculentum, Pieris vitata, Selaginella delicatula, and many others. There are many petrophilous species, e.g. Adiantum capillus-veneris, Lemmaphyllum microphyllum, Antrophyum sessilifolium, Selaginella tamariscina, Phymanoles scologuartium, and Microsorium punctaum. Epiphytic species are also abundant, e.g. Crypsinus taeniatus var. palmatus, Pyrrosia adnascens, Vittaria anguste-elongata, Iluma'a pectinata, Davallia solida and Lomariopsis spectabilis. For climbing species we have Lygodium japonicum and 'carpeting' species,'

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Selaginella ciliaris. Finally, a dried-up pond (such as Tien-tze) will support the growth of Helminthostachys zeylanica and Ophioglossum vulgatum.

My colleagues and I collected a total of 103 species of ferns on Orchid Island. Fourteen of Orchid Island injet possibly be new species. One is a Tectaria not found elsewhere in Taiwan. Two taxa newly collected in Orchid Island might possibly be new species. One is a Tectaria not found elsewhere in Taiwan. It is newly discovered on the southern slope of Shar-sir Shan. It differs from the common Orchid Island species of Tectaria decurrers in having a taller plant body dabout 1.7 m. in height, but smaller than some T. yumaneursis), larger sixe (about 1 m. broad), more erect habit and with a larger number of parallel pinnae (4-8 pairs) stretching out laterally. Another one is a Sphaerostephanos. It was collected by C.M. Kuo in 1972. Unfortunately, fertile plant of this thelypteroid fern has never been discovered since his original collection of some sterile specimen. It might equally well be an abnormal variant or mutant species of Sphaerostephanos. However, we have not check through all the jungles in Orchid Island and such an effort may uttimately prove the actual identity of this taxa.

ENUMERATION OF FERNS AND FERN ALLIES

The following is an updated list of 108 ferns and fern allies collected by the author and other workers, with 103 species found in Orchid Island and 5 additional ones collected from the neighbouring Green Island. Specimens collected by the author will be deposited in the herbarium of the Department of Botany, National Taiwan University. This is only a tentative listing and it will be revised whenever new or additional pteridophytes are found. (Alphabet in front of taxon stands for: a 'endemic' species, found only in Orchid Island and some other places, but not found elsewhere in Taiwan; g. found in Green Island.)

Chinese Names	Family and Scientific Names	Representative Specimen	
松葉蕨科	PSILOTACEAE		
松菜蕨	1. Psilotum nudum (L.) Beauv.	Liew 90161	
石松科	LYCOPODIACEAE		
延山龍	2. Lycopodium cernuum I	Liew 9029	
 名柏科	SELAGINELLACEAE		
小笠原卷柏	3. Selaginella boninensis Bak.	Kao 128548	
綠毛卷柏	4. S. ciliaris (Retz.) Spring	Liew 90270	
全線卷柏	5. S. delicatula (Desv.) Alston	Liew 901	
生根卷柏	6. S. doederleinii Hieron.	Liew 90485	
密葉卷柏	7. S. involvens (Sw.) Spring	Liew 90384	
膜葉卷柏	g 8. S. leptophylla Bak.	Liew 9101	
黑葉卷柏	9. S. mollendorffii Hieron.	Liew 9072	
萬年松	10. S. tamariscina (Beauv.) Spring	Liew 90523	
木賊科	EQUISETACEAE		
臺灣木賊	11. Equisetum ramosissimum Desf. subsp. debile (Roxb.)		
3333 373	Hauke	Liew 90499	
器江紅科	AZOLLACEAE		
湯江紅	12. Azolla pinnata R. Brown	Liew 90192	
弱科	MARSILEACEAE		
南國田字草	13. Marsilea crenata Presl	Liew 90223	

瓶爾小草科	OPHIOGLOSSACEAE	
錫蘭七指蕨	a 14. Helminthostachys zeylanica (L.) Hook.	Liew 90372
瓶爾小草	15. Ophioglossum vulgatum L.	Liew 90373
觀晉座蓮舅科	MARATTIACEAE	
蘭嶼觀晉座蓮	a 16. Angiopteris palmi formis (Cav.) C. Chr.	Liew 9084
觀晉座蓮舅	a 17. Marattia pellucida Presl	Liew 90522
紫萁科	OSMUNDACEAE	
粗齒革葉紫萁	18. Osmunda banksiaefolia (Pr.) Kuhn	Liew 90173
海金沙科	SCHIZAEACEAE	
海金沙	19. Lygodium japonicum (Thunb.) Sw.	Liew 90139
小葉海金沙	20. L. mierophyllum (Cav.) R. Brown	Sato s. n. July 1, 1933
裏白科	GLEICHENIACEAE	
芒共	21. Dicranopteris linearis (Burm. f.) Under.	Liew 9024
膜嵌科	HYMENOPHYLLACEAE	
長片蕨	22. Abrodictyum cumingii Presl	Huang & Kao 6293
非律賓厚菜蕨	23. Cephalomanes laciniatum (Roxb.) DeVol	Liew 9030
圆唇假脈蕨	24. Crepidomanes bilabiatum (Nees & Blume) Copel.	Liew 90110
濶葉假脈蕨	25. C. latemarginale (Eaton) Copel.	Liew 4099
厚邊蘇	26. Crepidophyllum humile (Forst.) Reed	Liew 90157
圆扁蕨	27. Gonocormus minutus (Blume) v. d. Bosch	Liew 90446
爪哇厚壁蕨	28. Meringium blandum (Racib.) Copel.	Hosokawa 9837
厚壁蕨	29. Meringium denticulatum (Sw.) Copel.	Kuo 2187
球桿毛蕨	30. Nesopteris thysanostoma (Makino) Copel.	Shieh 424
線片長筒蕨	31. Selenodesmium obscurum (Blume) Copel.	Liew 90425
瓶蕨	32. Vandenboschia auriculata (Blume) Copel.	Liew 9042
大葉瓶蕨	33. V. maxima (Blume) Copel.	Sasaki s. n. July 1912
漏斗瓶廠	34. V. naseana (Christ) Ching	Liew 90100
熱帶瓶蕨	35. V. pyxidifera (L.) Copel.	Huang & Kao 6289
水蕨科	PARKERIACEAE	
水蕨	36. Ceratopteris thalictroides (L.) Brongn.	Liew 90215
松爛科	CYATHEACEAE	
蘭嶼筆簡樹	a 37. Alsophila fenicis (Copel.) C. Chr.	Liew 90188
雏筒樹	38. Sphaeropteris lepifera (Hook.) Tryon	Liew 90195a
烏毛蕨科	BLECHNACEAE	
鳥毛蕨	39. Blechnum orientale L.	Liew 9050
東方狗脊蕨	40. Woodwardia orientalis Sw.	Liew 9074
雙扇蕨科	DIPTERIDACEAE	
雙扇族	41. Dipteris conjugata Reinw.	Liew 90510
水龍骨科	POLYPODIACEAE	
椭圆線蕨	42. Colysis elliptica (Thunb.) Ching	Liew 9064
來氏線蕨	43. C. wrightii (Hook.) Ching	Liew 9093
掌葉線蕨	a 44. Crypsinus taeniatus (Sw.) Copel. var. palmatus (Blume) Tagawa	Liew 90118
伏石蕨	45. Lemmaphyllum microphyllum Presl	Liew 9075
(大仁)飲 骨牌廠	45. Lemmapnytum micropnytum Prest 46. Lepidogrammitis rostrata (Beddome) Ching	Liew 90/5 Liew 9048a
育件版 箭葉星蕨	40. Leptaogrammus rostrata (Beddome) Ching 47. Microsorium dilatatum (Beddome) Sledge	Yamamoto s. n.
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星蕨	48.	M. punctatum (L.) Copel.	Liew 9017
廣葉星蕨		M. steerei (Harr.) Ching	Kuo 3896
海岸展邦蕨	50.	Phymatodes scolopendria (Burm.) Ching	Liew 90102
抱樹石葦	51.	Pyrrosia adnascers (Sw.) Ching	Liew 90203
告帶蕨科		VITTARIACEAE	
蘭奥車前蕨	a 52.	Antrophyum sessili folium (Cav.) Spring	Liew 90150
姬書帶蕨	53.	Vittaria anguste-elongata Hayata	Liew 90156
碗蕨科		DENNSTAEDŢIACEAE	
司氏碗蕨	54.	Denr.staedtia smithii (Hook.) Moore	Liew 90181
粗毛鳞盖蕨	55.	Microlepia strigosa (Thunb.) Presl	Liew 90162
设曲蕨科		LINDSAEACEAE	
海島陵幽藍	56.	Lindsaea commixta Tagawa	Liew 9021
網脈陵齒蕨		L. cultrata (Willd.) Sw.	Liew 90168
潤片陵齒蕨		L. orbiculata (Lam.) Mett. ex Kuhn	Liew 90255
攀綠陵齒蕨		L. yaeyamersis Tagawa	Liew 9086
潤片烏蕨		Spheromeris biflora (Kaulf.) Tagawa	Liew 90209
鳥蕨		S. chusana (L.) Copel.	Liew 90229
造邊蕨		Tapeinidium pinnatum (Cav.) C. Chr.	Liew 9033
二羽達邊蕨	a 62.	T. pinnatum (Cav.) C. Chr. var. biserratum (Blume) Shieh	Liew 90489
骨碎箱科		DAVALLIACEAE	
調業骨砕補	63.	Davallia solida (Forst.) Sw.	Liew 9037
馬來陰石蕨	a 64.	Humata pectinata (J. Sm.) Desv.	Liew 9041
頻業陰石族	65.	H. trifoliata Cav.	Kuo 2182
熱帶陰石蕨	66.	H. vestita (Blume) Moore	Liew 90394a
鳳尾蘇科		PTERIDACEAE	
天草鳳尾蕨	g 67.	Pteris dispar Kunze	Liew 9111
傅氏鳳尾蕨	68.	P. fauriei Hieron.	Liew 9058
鳳尾蕨	69.	P. multifida Poir.	Shieh et al. 31
鳞盖凤尾蕨	70.	P. vittata L.	Liew 9083
鐵線蕨科		ADIANTACEAE	
鐵線蕨	71.	Adiantum capillus-veneris L.	Liew 9032
荏蕨科		OLEANDRACEAE	
腎族		Nephrolepis auriculata (L.) Trimen	Huang 6962
長葉腎蕨		N. biserrata (Sw.) Schott	Liew 90213
長葉腎蕨耳葉變種		N. biserrata (Sw.) Schott var. auriculata Ching	Liew 90213a
毛葉腎蕨	74.	N. hirsutula (Forst.) Presl	Liew 90211
三叉蕨科		ASPIDIACEAE	
爱德氏肋毛蕨		Ctenitis eatoni (Bak.) Ching	Liew 90119
肋毛蕨	g 76.	C. subglandulosa (Hance) Ching	Liew 9114
海菜擬肋毛蕨		Ctenitopsis dissecta (Forst.) Ching	Liew 90221
翅柄三叉蕨 坐南三叉蕨		Tectaria decurrens (Pr.) Copel. T. yunnanensis (Bak.) Ching	Liew 90198 Liew 90405
			LICW 90403
羅登藤蕨科 尾葉實蕨	80	LOMARIOPSIDACEAE Bolbitis heteroclita (Pr.) Ching	Liew 9037
治南質峽		B. subcordata (Copel.) Ching	Liew 90475
初的以次		Egenolfia appendiculata (Willd.) J. Sm.	Liew 9078
羅芟荜簌		Lomariopsis spectabilis (Kunze) Mett.	Liew 9038
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細葉複葉耳蕨	84. Arachniodes aristata (Forst.) Tindle	Liew 90165
小菜妆菜耳蕨	85. A. pseudo-aristata (Tagawa) Ohwi	Liew 9057
全祿貫衆族	86. Cyrtomium falcatum (L. f.) Presl	Sasaki s. n. May 5.
		1924
金星蕨科	THELYPTERIDACEAE	
小毛蕨	87. Christella acuminata (Houtt.) Lév.	Liew 9080
密毛小毛蕨	88. C. parasitica (L.) Lév.	Liew 90377
非洲茯蕨	a 89. Leptogramma pozoi (Lag.) Ching	Liew 90403
大金星蕨	90. Macrothelypteris torresiana (Gaud.) Ching	Liew 9088
短柄卵果蕨	91. Phegopteris decursive-pinnata (Van Hall) Fée	Liew 9082
稀毛蕨	92. Pneumatopteris truncata (Poir.) Holtt.	Liew 90104
頂芽新月蕨	93. Pronephrium cuspidatum (Blume) Holtt.	Liew 90154
三葉新月蕨	94. P. triphyllum (Sw.) Holtt.	Liew 9027
紅頭圓腺蕨	a 95. Sphaerostephanos kotoensis (Hayata) Holtt.	Liew 90105
蹄蓋蕨科	ATHYRIACEAE	
過清菜蕨	96. Anisogonium esculentum (Retz.) Presl	Liew 90187
假蹄蓋蕨	97. Athyriopsis japonica (Thunb.) Ching	Liew 9055
廣葉鋸齒雙蓋蕨	98. Diplazium dilatatum Blume	Liew 90378
徳氏雙蓋蕨	99. D. doederleinii (Lucrss.) Makino	Liew 90408
細柄雙蓋蕨	100. D. donianum (Mett.) Tard-Blot	Liew 90259
單葉雙蓋蕨	101. D. subsinuatum (Wall. ex Hook, & Grev.) Tagawa	Liew 90171
鐵角蕨科	ASPLENIACEAE	
苹菜鐵角蕨	102. Asplenium adiantoides (L.) C. Chr.	Liew 90142
大黑柄鐵角蕨	103. A. cuneatum Lam.	Liew 90217
剪葉鐵角蕨	104. A. excisum Presl	Liew 90114
热帶山蘇花	105. A. nidus L.	Liew 90200
尖葉鐵角蕨	106. A. ritoense Hayata	Liew 90144
單邊鐵角蕨	107. A. unilaterale Lam.	Liew 9097
南奥鐵角蕨	a 108. A. vulcanicum Blume	Liew 90115

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