

**CTENOPTERIS BREVIVENOSA (v. A. v. R.) HOLTT., A
GRAMMITID FERN NEW TO TAIWAN**

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Ctenopteris brevivenosa (v. A. v. R.) Holtt., Fl. Mal. 2: 228. fig. 126. 1954.—*Polypodium brevivenosum* v. A. v. R. in Bull. Jard. Bot. Buitenz. Ser. II. 28: 40. 1918.—*Polypodium malaccanum* Bak. var. *pahangense* Ridley in Journ. Mal. Br. R. A. S. 6: 84. 1926. 南洋嵩蕨

Specimen examined: Pingtung Co.: Tashulinshan, C. M. Kuo 13274 (TAI), March 31, 1972, epiphytic on mossy tree-trunk, growing with *Calymmodon gracilis*, alt. 1200 m.

Distribution: Sumatra, Malay Peninsula, Borneo and Taiwan.

Rhizome short, erect; stipes tufted; fronds pinnate, narrowly elliptic, tapering to either end, 6–8 cm long, 7–12 mm wide, pubescent on stipe and both surfaces; margins entire; hairs multicellular, red-brown, patent, 2–3 mm long, those on pinnae of same length as on the stipe; veins oblique, not reaching the margin; sori round, superficial, borne on upper half of frond.

This small grammitid fern looks much like *Calymmodon gracilis* at first glance as both are almost of same size and shape and both grow in the same kind of habitat, but *C. gracilis* is distinct because the lower margin of their fertile pinnae are folded upwards.

Key to the species of *Ctenopteris* in Taiwan

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| 1. Fronds deeply bipinnatifid, pinnules very narrow..... | <i>C. tenuisecta</i> |
| 1. Fronds pinnate..... | 2. |
| 2. Margins of pinnae crenate or serrate..... | 3. |
| 2. Margins of pinnae entire or undulate..... | 4. |
| 3. Hairs simple or forked, clavate and glandular..... | <i>C. merrittii</i> |
| 3. Hairs simple, neither clavate nor glandular..... | <i>C. subfalcata</i> |
| 4. Sori sunken in deep slits, oblique to costa, linear..... | <i>C. obliquata</i> |
| 4. Sori superficial, or slightly sunken, round or oval..... | 5. |
| 5. Fronds pubescent on both surfaces..... | <i>C. brevivenosa</i> |
| 5. Fronds glabrous on both surfaces..... | <i>C. curtisii</i> |

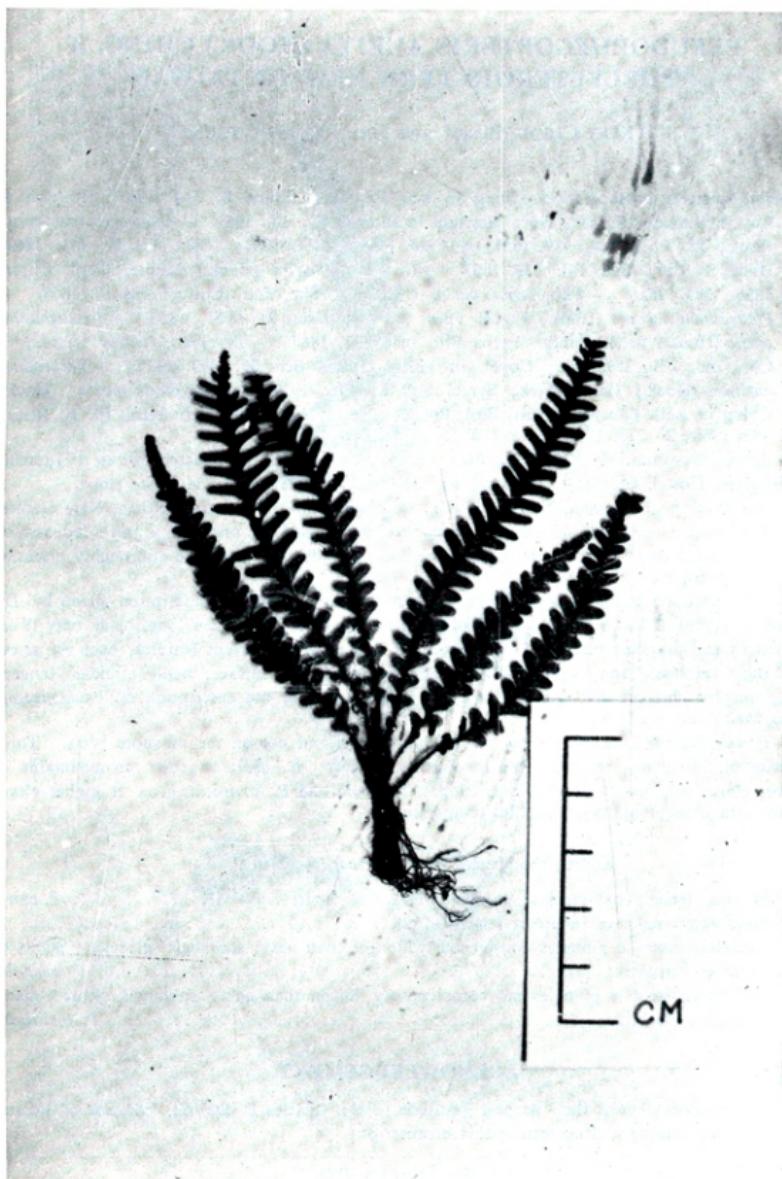
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