

"On both sides of the Central Ridge, at 2000 to 2700 feet, above Swampy Gut, &c.; somewhat rare."—*Melliss*.

A distinct species, being the only one of the *Elaphoglossum* section that has the fronds distinctly incised or crenated.

**Acrostichum (Elaphoglossum) bifurcatum, Swartz.**

*Acrostichum (Elaphoglossum) bifurcatum*, Swartz, Synop. Fil., p. 12; Hook., Sp. Fil., v. p. 209; Roxb. in Beatson's St Helena Tracts, p. 296; Hook., 2nd Cent. Ferns, t. 91; Melliss, St Hel., p. 352.

*Acrostichum (Polybotrya) bifurcatum*, Swartz; Hook. and Bak., Synop. Fil., p. 413.

*Microstaphyla furcata*, Presl, Epim. Bot., p. 160.

*Anagramme paradoxa*, Fée, Gen. Fil., p. 64.

*Osmunda bifurcata*, Jacq., Collect., iii. t. 20, fig. 2.

*Gymnogramme bifurcata*, Kunze in Linnæa, x. p. 496.

*Darea furcans*, Bory in Duperr. Voy. "Coquille," Bot. Crypt., p. 269, t. 35, fig. 2 (sterile).

*Polybotrya furcata*, Mett. ex Kuhn, Fil. Afr., p. 52.

*Filicula cornuta Insulæ Sanctæ Helenæ*, Pluken., Phytogr., t. 350, fig. 4.

ST HELENA.—Endemic. On damp half-mouldered rocks near High Peak, and on the rocks at Flagstaff—*Burchell*, 177; wet rocks and mossy banks, abundant—*Hooker*; without locality—*Haughton*; *Cuming*; *Nuttall*; *Seemann*; *Lyall*; *Shuter*; *Lefroy*; *Lady Dalhousie*; and *Morris*, in 1883.

One of the commoner ferns of the island; according to Melliss, thickly covering the wet banks along the sides of the roads over Sandy Bay Ridge, at about 2000 feet.

Kuhn records this fern from Ascension, collected by Durville; but Bory cites St Helena as Durville's locality.

**Acrostichum nervosum, Bory.**

*Acrostichum nervosum*, Bory in Duperr. Voy. "Coquille," Bot. Crypt., p. 252; Kuhn, Fil. Afr., p. 46.

*Acrostichum (Olfersia) subdiaphanum*, Hook. and Grev., Ic. Fil., t. 105; Hook., Sp. Fil., v. p. 225; Hook. and Bak., Synop. Fil., p. 416; Melliss, St Hel., p. 352.

*Aconiopteris subdiaphana*, Presl., Tent. Pterid., p. 236, t. 10, fig. 17.

*Aconiopteris nervosa*, J. Sm.

*Acrostichum lanceolatum*, Roxb. in Beatson's St Helena Tracts, p. 296.

ST HELENA.—Endemic. Diana's Peak—*Burchell*, 179; trunks of trees, top of Diana's Peak, rare—*Hooker*; amongst the grass on the highest ridge near Diana's Peak—*Haughton*; without locality—*Shuter*; *Nuttall*; *Morris*, in 1883.

One of the rarer ferns, found only in the most elevated parts of the Central Ridge.

Melliss erroneously records it as an inhabitant of Bourbon as well as of St Helena. It was originally published as a native of Madras in consequence of Dr Shuter sending it thence to Sir W. Hooker without locality.