

## NOVELTIES IN *TRICHOMANES* L. FROM COLOMBIA Novedades en *Trichomanes* L. para Colombia

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### ABSTRACT

I describe *Trichomanes murilloanum* A. Rojas a new species from Colombia. The new species is characterized by monomorphic fronds with only the apical pinnae pairs fertile. Additionally, *Trichomanes eglerti* P.G. Windisch is reported as a new record for the country.

**Key words.** *Trichomanes*, Hymenophyllaceae, ferns, flora of Colombia.

### RESUMEN

Se describe una nueva especie, *Trichomanes murilloanum* A. Rojas. La especie nueva está caracterizada por frondas monomorfas sólo con los pares de pinnas terminales fértiles. Por otra parte, *Trichomanes eglerti* P.G. Windisch es registrada para el país.

**Palabras clave.** *Trichomanes*, Hymenophyllaceae, helechos, flora de Colombia.

Hymenophyllaceae is among the most diverse ferns families of Colombia with ca. 115 species and the genus *Trichomanes* s.l. is represented by 69 species (Murillo *et al.* 2008); but more collections and exhaustive revisions are expected to reveal more species.

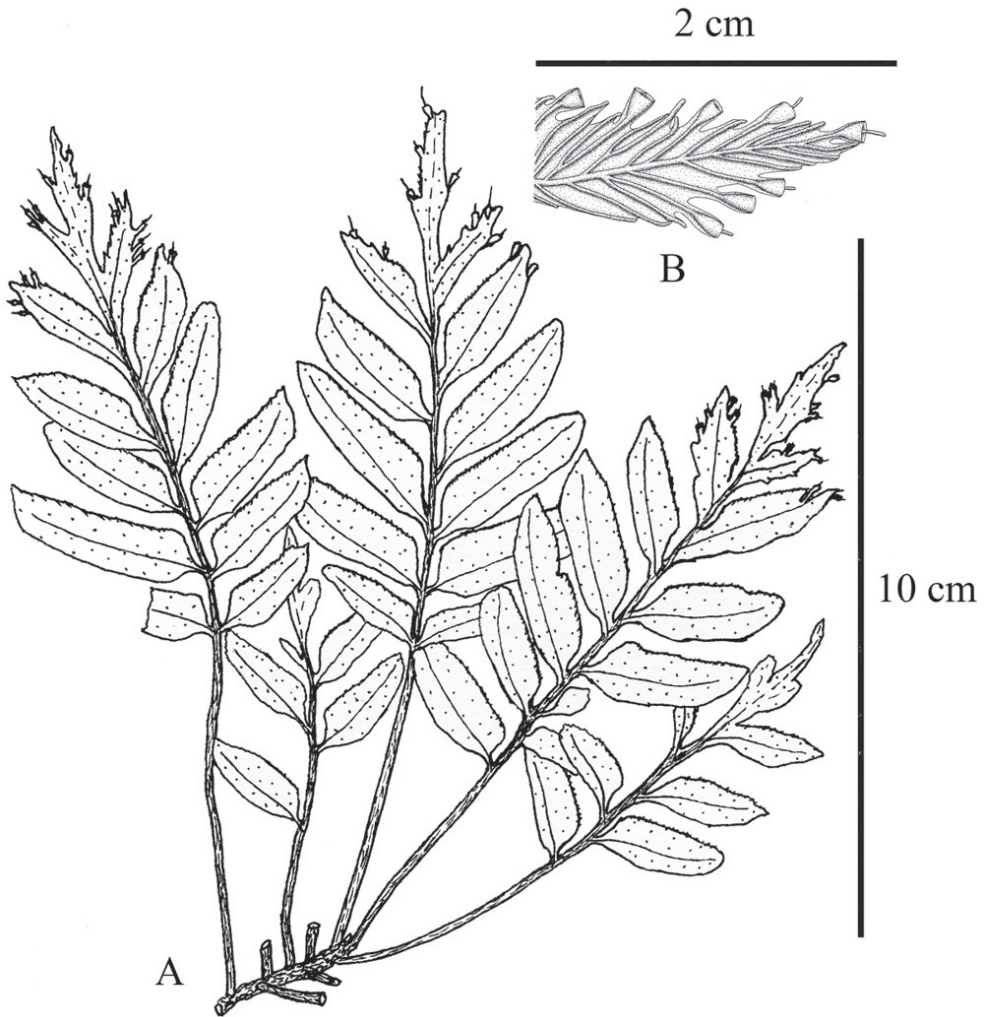
Copeland (1938) divided *Trichomanes* into many genera, but for a long time, taxonomist treated the genus as an unit, because several traits such as translucent blade, tubular sori and exert receptacle made it readily identifiable. Recently, Ebihara *et al.* (2006), divided *Trichomanes* among eight genera based in molecular analysis: *Abrodictyum*, *Callistopteris*, *Cephalomanes*, *Crepidomanes*, *Didymoglossum*, *Polyphlebium*, *Trichomanes* and *Vandenboschia*; from which five are present in Colombia. This paper deals with a novelty in *Trichomanes*, distinguished by

its restricted geographical distribution to the Neotropics (with one species in Africa) and chromosome base number,  $x=32$  (Ebihara *et al.* 2006). The *Trichomanes* species mentioned in this work belong to subgenus *Trichomanes* that is characterized by membranous lamina texture with one cell thick and blade hairs at least in the veins and margin.

***Trichomanes murilloanum*** A. Rojas, sp. nov. (Fig. 1).

TYPE: COLOMBIA. **Caquetá:** Municipio de Solano, Aracuará, camino a la represa, 21 Aug 1998, R. Alfonso & J. Tejada 299 (Holotype: COL; Isotype: COAH).

*Novum pteridophytum hoc Trichomani pinnato simile, sed plantis rupicolis ripariis, frondibus monomorphis brevioribus et stipite alato dignoscendum.*



**Figure 1.** *Trichomanes murilloanum*. A. Habit (P. Pinto & H. Bischler 193, COL). B. Blade detail. (R. Alfonso 299, COL).

Epipetric; rhizome 1-2 mm in diameter, compact, ascending or decumbent, hairy, the hairs 1-2 mm long, atropurpureous to blackish, flat or cateniform, dense; fronds 5-16 cm long, sometimes with a cirro to 9 cm long additionally; stipe 2-4.5 cm long, 0.5-0.7 mm in diameter, yellowish to gray, winged in 1/2-2/3 of the apical portion, the wing less than 0.5 mm broad and gradually reduced toward the base, hairy, the hairs 1-2 mm long, simple, brown, deciduous,

catenate; blade 3-8 x 1.5-5 cm, pinnate, lanceolate, truncate to scarcely reduced at the base, acuminate at apex, glabrous; rachis similar to stipe; pinnae 1-3 x 0.4-1.1 cm, oblong to oblanceolate, the basal ones free, the apical ones adhered in the basiscopic side, sometimes partially adhered in acrosopic side; costae sparsely hairy, the hairs 0.5-1 mm long; brown, catenate; veins 1-2-bifurcate, glabrous; sori 1-1.5 x 0.6-0.9 mm, short-tubular, exert, not winged.

**Paratypes.** COLOMBIA. **Amazonas:** Puerto Santander, Quebrada La Manchurria, 15 Aug 1998, *R. Alfonso et al.* 122 (COL, COAH). **Meta:** Serranía de La Macarena, margen izquierda del Río Guayabero, 10 km abajo de Caño Lozada, 550 m, 16 Jan 1959, *P. Pinto & H. Bischler* 193 (COL). GUYANA. **Region:** Potaro-Siparuni, Pakaraima Mountains, upper Ireng River, Orinduik Falls, 4°43'N, 60°02'W, 510 m, 23 Jan 1993, *T. Henkel et al.* 940 (COL, US). BRAZIL. **Amazonas:** Río Urubu, N of road, 20 Dec 1966, *G. Prance et al.* 3769 (COL, NY).

**Etymology.** This species is dedicated to María Teresa Murillo, Colombian Pteridologist, who is making important taxonomic contributions to her country.

**Distribution.** In the amazonian region of Colombia, Guyana and Brazil at 510-550 m. This new species resembles *T. hostmanianum* (Klotzsch) Fée and *T. pinnatum* Hedw in having long stipe, pinnate and lanceolate frond blade with free basal pinnae only, but differs in its in relatively shorter (5-16 cm vs. (5-) 15-50 cm long) fronds; winged (vs. not winged) stipe, and monomorphic (vs. subdimorphic) fronds with fertile apical pinnae. *Trichomanes murilloanum* is characterized by its epipetric (vs. terrestrial in the former species) habit, growing in exposed areas on riversides or creeks (vs. understory). It resembles *T. jenmanii* Lellinger in size, but the new species has monomorphic fronds (vs. dimorphic).

## NEW SPECIES RECORD

*Trichomanes egleri* P.G. Windisch, *Bradea* 4(2): 11 (1983). 1983. Type: Guyana, Mt. Latipú, *P. Maas & Boyan* 2651 (Holotype: HB; Isotypes: BRG, GH, NY!, U, Z).

**Distribution.** Amazonian lowlands of **Colombia**, Venezuela, Guyana and Brazil at known altitudinal distribution.

**Material of new distribution:** COLOMBIA. **Amazonas:** Puerto Santander, trocha a Monochoa por El Calvario, 24 Aug 1978, *R. Alfonso & M. Fiagama* 321 (COL); Río Igará-Paraná, Puerto Buenaventura (Hameau des indiens Witoto Jitomagaró), 25 June 1974, *C. Sastre* 3496 (COL), *C. Sastre* 3497 (COL).

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