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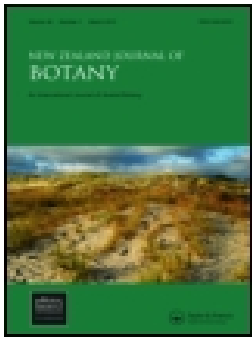
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Abstract The near-continuous record of the New Zealand terrestrial flora since the landmass broke away from Gondwana provides an excellent opportunity to assess the history of the pteridophyte flora in the region. A database of all published records of fossil ferns from the late Cretaceous onwards is presented, along with references to original reports. This compilation provides evidence for the time of arrival for fern lineages, continuity of their presence, and times of radiation, thereby greatly assisting the reconstruction of the history and biogeography of ferns in the region. Additionally, it provides a valuable source of lineage age estimates, which are required to calibrate the molecular clock for much needed molecular studies on pteridophytes.

Keywords fern; pteridophyte; fossil record; index; lineage; age estimates; biogeography; late Cretaceous; Cenozoic; New Zealand

INTRODUCTION

Of several studies of the history and biogeography of New Zealand's flora, only a few have considered the fossil record of ferns, which comprise a major component of the present and past New Zealand biota (e.g., Lovis 1959; Mildenhall 1980; Pole 1994; Brownsey 2001; Winkworth et al. 2002).

Biogeographic and phylogenetic analyses of living pteridophytes, as well as the record of macrofossils and spores, indicate that many fern families evolved and diversified after the break-up of Gondwana (e.g., Collinson 2001; Parris 2001; Skog 2001; Lovis 2003; Pryer et al. 2004; Schneider et al. 2004). Species in these families, as well as several angiosperm families with a suggested similar evolutionary history, are now distributed on widely separated continents, particularly in the Southern Hemisphere. Both vicariance, a process through which continuously distributed taxa are fragmented by geological or climatic changes of the earth surface (Kato 1993), and long-distance dispersal have been suggested as possible mechanisms to explain this (see and compare Lovis 1959; Pole 1994; Macphail 1997; Winkworth et al. 1999, 2002; McGlone et al. 2000; Wolf et al. 2001). The fossil record of ferns in the New Zealand region indicates a diverse, rich, and near-continuous pteridophyte flora for the past 85 million years (and probably since the Jurassic). That the fern flora has undergone major changes through time is also apparent, but no comprehensive investigation of these changes has been carried out.

There have been previous reviews on first occurrences and/or ranges of present plant taxa (including a small number of ferns) in New Zealand (e.g., Mildenhall 1980; Macphail 1997). However, references in those reviews are incomplete and much new information has come to light since those studies were carried out. Collinson (2001) published a comprehensive review of Cenozoic ferns and their distribution worldwide (with an emphasis on macrofossils). However, in this review she included only three references to the diverse New Zealand fern flora.

This paper includes a summary of all published records of fern micro- and macrofossils in the New Zealand region for the past 85 million years (M yr). The identifications and age determinations are summarised as recorded by the original authors. The data will provide a foundation for studies in different fields that aim to increase the understanding of the history, phylogeny, and biogeography of extant ferns in the New Zealand region.

Table 1 Summary of the New Zealand fossil record of pteridophytes from the Late Cretaceous onwards. Cr, Cretaceous; Pal, Paleocene; Eo, Eocene; Oli, Oligocene; Mio, Miocene; Pli, Pliocene; Ple, Pleistocene; H, Holocene; E, early; M, middle; L, late. The digit in each time period column corresponds to the number of references recording

Family	Modern	Recorded	Recorded	Authority
Modern Genus	species	genus	species	
FERN ALLIES				
Equisetaceae				
<i>Equisetum</i>	<i>E. sp.</i>			
Isoetaceae				
<i>Isoetes</i>	<i>I. sp.</i>			
<i>Isoetes</i>	cf. <i>I. sp.</i>			
?		<i>Leptolepidites</i>	<i>L. verrucatus</i>	Couper
Lycopodiaceae				
<i>Lycopodium</i>	<i>L. sp.</i>			
<i>Lycopodium</i>	? <i>L. sp.</i>			
<i>Lycopodium</i>	<i>L. australianum</i>			Herter
<i>Lycopodium</i>	<i>L. australianum</i>	<i>Foveotrilites</i>	<i>F. palaequetrus</i>	Partridge
<i>Lycopodium</i>	cf./? <i>L. australianum</i>			
<i>Lycopodium</i>	cf. <i>L. australianum</i>	<i>Foveotrilites</i>	cf. <i>F. palaequetrus</i>	
<i>Lycopodium</i>	<i>L. cernuum</i>			L.
<i>Lycopodium</i>	<i>L. cernuum</i>	<i>Lycopodium</i>	<i>L. cernioides</i>	Ross
<i>Lycopodium</i>	<i>L. cernuum</i>	<i>Lycopodium</i>	<i>L. cernuoides</i>	Couper
<i>Lycopodium</i>	<i>L. densum</i>			Labill.
<i>Lycopodium</i>	cf. <i>L. densum</i>			
<i>Lycopodium</i>	<i>L. deuterodensum</i>			Herter
<i>Lycopodium</i>	<i>L. diffusum</i>	<i>Lycopodium</i>	as <i>L. ramulosum</i>	Kirk
<i>Lycopodium</i>	<i>L. fastigiatum</i>			R.Br.
<i>Lycopodium</i>	<i>L. fastigiatum</i>	<i>Lycopodium</i>	cf./type <i>L. fastigiatum</i>	
<i>Lycopodium</i>	<i>L. fastigiatum</i>	<i>Lycopodium</i>	<i>L. fastigioides</i>	Couper
<i>Lycopodium</i>	<i>L. fastigiatum-volubile</i>	<i>Lycopodium</i>	<i>L. sp. fastigiatum/volubile</i>	
			gp.	
<i>Lycopodium</i>	<i>L. laterale</i>			R.Br.
<i>Lycopodium</i>	cf. <i>L. laterale</i>			
<i>Lycopodium</i>	<i>L. laterale</i> -type	<i>Latrobosporites</i>	<i>L. marginis</i>	
<i>Lycopodium</i>	<i>L. scariosum</i>			G.Forst.
<i>Lycopodium</i>	aff./cf. <i>L. scariosum</i>			
<i>Lycopodium</i>	<i>L. varium</i>			R.Br.
<i>Lycopodium</i>	<i>L. varium</i>	<i>Lycopodium</i>	as <i>L. sp. billardieri/varium</i>	
			gp.	
<i>Lycopodium</i>	<i>L. varium</i>	<i>Lycopodium</i>	as <i>L. billardieri</i>	Spring
<i>Lycopodium</i>	cf. <i>L. varium</i>	<i>Lycopodium</i>	as <i>L. cf. billardieri</i>	
<i>Lycopodium</i>	<i>L. volubile</i>			G.Forst.
<i>Lycopodium</i>	aff./cf. <i>L. volubile</i>			
<i>Phylloglossum</i>				
unspec	unspec			
?		<i>Camarozonosporites</i>	<i>C. amplius</i>	(Stanley)
?		<i>Camarozonosporites</i>	<i>C. ohaiensis</i>	
?		<i>Foveotrilites</i>	<i>F. lacunosus</i>	Partridge
?		<i>Lycopodiumsporites</i>	<i>L. sp.</i>	
?		<i>Lycopodiumsporites</i>	<i>L. austroclavatioides</i>	(Cookson)
?		<i>Lycopodiumsporites</i>	<i>L. cf. austroclavatioides</i>	
?		<i>Lycopodiumsporites</i>	<i>L. circolumenus</i>	Cookson & Dettmann
?		<i>Lycopodiumsporites</i>	<i>L. eminulus</i>	Dettmann
?		<i>Lycopodiumsporites</i>	<i>L. cf. eminulus</i>	
?		<i>Lycopodiumsporites</i>	<i>L. facetus</i>	Dettmann
?		<i>Lycopodiumsporites</i>	? <i>L. fastigioides</i>	(Couper)
?		<i>Lycopodiumsporites</i>	<i>L. nodosus</i>	Dettmann
?		<i>Lycopodiumsporites</i>	<i>L. reticulumsporites</i>	(Rouse) Dettmann

Cr	Pal	Eo	Oli	Mio	Pli	Ple	H	Reference
L	E L	E M L	E L	E M L	E L	E L		(see Appendix 1)

[illegible]

Table 1 (continued)

Family	Modern	Recorded	Recorded	Authority
Modern Genus	species	genus	species	
?		<i>Lycopodiumsporites</i>	<i>L. saturnalis</i>	Norris
?		<i>Lycopodiumsporites</i>	<i>L. tenuis</i>	(Balme)
?		<i>Lycopodiacidites</i>	cf. <i>L. sp.</i>	
?		<i>Lycopodiacidites</i>	<i>L. asperatus</i>	Dettmann
?		<i>Lycopodiacidites</i>	<i>L. bullerensis</i>	Couper
?		<i>Lycopodiacidites</i>	<i>L. cristatus</i>	Couper
?		<i>Peromonolites</i>	<i>P. problematicus</i>	(Couper)
?		<i>Peromonolites</i>	? <i>P. problematicus</i>	
?		<i>Verrucosisporites</i>	<i>V. kopukuensis</i>	(Couper) Stover
Lycopsidea				
?		<i>Camarozonosporites</i>	<i>C. sp.</i>	
?		<i>Camarozonosporites</i>	<i>C. australiensis</i>	Burger
?		<i>Camarozonosporites</i>	<i>C. cf. australiensis</i>	
?		<i>Ceratosporites</i>	<i>C. sp.</i>	
?		<i>Ceratosporites</i>	? <i>C. sp.</i>	
?		<i>Ceratosporites</i>	<i>C. equalis</i>	Cookson & Dettmann
?		<i>Ceratosporites</i>	<i>C. cf. C. equalis</i>	Cookson & Dettmann
?		<i>Densoisporites</i>	<i>D. microrugulatus</i>	Brenner
?		<i>Densoisporites</i>	<i>D. velatus</i>	Weyland & Krieger
?		<i>Dictyotosporites</i>	<i>D. complex</i>	Cookson & Dettmann
?		<i>Dictyotosporites</i>	? <i>D. complex</i>	Cookson & Dettmann
?		<i>Herkosporites</i>	<i>H. proxistriatus</i>	Burger
?		<i>Herkosporites</i>	<i>H. sp.</i>	
?		<i>Latrobosporites</i>	<i>L. marginis</i>	n.sp.
?		<i>Neoraistrickia</i>	<i>N. neozealandica</i>	(Couper) Potonie
?		<i>Neoraistrickia</i>	<i>N. truncata</i>	(Cookson)
?		<i>Perotrilites</i>	<i>P. senonicus</i>	Raine
?		<i>Trilites</i>	<i>T. morleyi</i>	Couper
Lycopsidea/Bryophyta				
?		<i>Rouseisporites</i>	<i>R. sp.</i>	
Psilotaceae				
<i>Psilotum</i>	<i>P. sp.</i>			
<i>Tmesipteris</i>	<i>T. sp.</i>			
<i>Tmesipteris</i>	<i>T. tannensis</i>			Bernh.
<i>Tmesipteris</i>		<i>Polypodiisporites</i>	<i>P. irregularis</i>	Pocknall & Mildenhall
<i>Tmesipteris</i>		<i>Polypodiisporites</i>	<i>P. cf. irregularis</i>	
unspec	unspec			
Selaginellaceae*				
<i>Selaginella</i>		<i>Foveosporites</i>	<i>F. canalis</i>	Balme
<i>Selaginella</i>		<i>Grapnelispora</i>	<i>G. evansii</i>	Stover & Partridge
?		<i>Perotrilites</i>	<i>P. granulatus</i>	Couper
FERNS				
Aspleniaceae				
<i>Asplenium</i>	<i>A. sp.</i>			
<i>Asplenium</i>	? <i>A. sp.</i>			
<i>Asplenium</i>	<i>A. oblongifolium</i>	<i>Asplenium</i>	as <i>A. lucidum</i>	G. Forst.
<i>Asplenium</i>	<i>A. polyodon</i>	<i>Asplenium</i>	as <i>A. falcatum</i>	Lam.
<i>Pleurosorus</i>	<i>P. sp.</i>			
Azollaceae				
<i>Azolla</i>	<i>A. sp.</i>			
Blechnaceae				
<i>Blechnum</i>	<i>B. sp.</i>			
<i>Blechnum</i>	cf./? <i>B. sp.</i>			
<i>Blechnum</i>	type <i>B. capense</i>			

Cr	Pal		Eo			Oli		Mio			Pli		Ple		H	Reference (see Appendix 1)
	L	E	L	E	M	L	E	L	E	M	L	E	L	E		
3						1										63,65,98
1																63
		1		1												61
1																63
2																65,98
1																63
											3	7		1	1	9,13,15,16,28,51,53,58,71
												2				2,44
				1	5	7	4	4	4	1	1					30,59,67,79,80,81,83,87,88,89,91,97,98,99
5	3	3	5	4	3			1	1	1						1,3,27,59,63,65,97,98,99,100
1																98
	1	1	1													100
2												1				47,49,99
			1	1												61
4		1			1					1	1	1				3,23,27,63,66
1					1		2	2	1	1						59,80,89,98
1																98
1																63
1																63
1																50
2																63,65
								1								81
								1	1							59
1																98
3																50,63,98
1																65
9	1	1														3,9,13,14,82,98,99,108,109
														1	2	28,64
													1			52
								1					1			30,52
											1	1	1	2	3	6,9,16,20
			1	2	1	3	2	2	2	1	1					58,83,85,89,91,99
				1	1	1										66
												3	2	3	1	28,44,49,53,68
1																63
2																93,102
1																98
								1			1		1	1		28,52,53
									1	1						58
										1				1		16,20
														1		20
													1			52
													1	3	1	30,33,52,90
1				1	1			3	2	4	7	11	2	3	5	8,9,10,12,14,15,16,24,31,33,36,44,52,53,54,60,68,90,103,111
3	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1					1	6,9,14,47,52,59,103
															3	6,32,34

Table 1 (continued)

Family Modern Genus	Modern species	Recorded genus	Recorded species	Authority
<i>Blechnum</i>	aff. <i>B. colensoi</i>	<i>Blechnum</i>	as <i>B. aff. patersonii</i>	(R.Br.) Mett.
<i>Blechnum</i>	<i>B. discolor</i>			(G.Forst.) Keyserl.
<i>Blechnum</i>	<i>B. aff. discolor</i>			
<i>Blechnum</i>	<i>B. novae-zelandiae</i>	<i>Blechnum</i>	as <i>B. sp. 1</i>	Chambers & Farrant
<i>Blechnum</i>		<i>Blechnum</i>	<i>B. priscum</i> *	Ettingsh.
<i>Blechnum</i>	cf. <i>B. procerum</i>	<i>Blechnum</i>	as <i>B. cf. procerum</i>	(G.Forst.) Sw.
<i>Blechnum</i>	cf. <i>B. procerum</i>	<i>Blechnum</i>	as <i>B. proceroides</i>	(Oliv.)
<i>Blechnum</i>	cf. <i>B. procerum</i>	<i>Lomariopsis</i>	as <i>L. dunstanensis</i>	Ettingsh.
<i>Blechnum</i>	cf. <i>B. procerum</i>	<i>Lomaria</i>	as <i>L. proceroides</i>	Oliv.
<i>Blechnum</i>	<i>B. vulcanicum</i>			(Blume) Kuhn
<i>Blechnum</i>	cf. <i>B. vulcanicum</i>	<i>Blechnum</i>	<i>B. maruiense</i> *	unpubl.
<i>Doodia</i>	<i>D. sp.</i>			
?		<i>Peromonolites</i>	<i>P. bowenii</i>	Couper
?		<i>Peromonolites</i>	<i>P. densus</i>	Harris
Cyatheaceae				
<i>Cyathea</i>	<i>C. sp.</i>			
<i>Cyathea</i>	<i>C. colensoi</i>			Domin
<i>Cyathea</i>	cf./type <i>C. colensoi</i>			
<i>Cyathea</i>	<i>C. dealbata</i>			(G.Forst.) Sw.
<i>Cyathea</i>	aff./cf./type <i>C. dealbata</i>			
<i>Cyathea</i>	aff. <i>C. dealbata</i>	<i>Alsophila</i>	<i>A. tricolor</i>	(Colenso) R.M.Tryon
<i>Cyathea</i>	<i>C. medullaris</i>			(G.Forst.) Sw.
<i>Cyathea</i>	<i>C. smithii</i>			Hk.fil.
<i>Cyathea</i>	aff./cf./type <i>C. smithii</i>			
<i>Hemitelia</i> *				
<i>Hemitelia</i> *		<i>Foveotriletes</i>	<i>F. crater</i>	Partridge
<i>Hemitelia</i> *		<i>Foveotriletes</i>	<i>F. verrucosus</i>	Pocknall & Mildenhall
<i>Hemitelia</i> *		<i>Kuylisporites</i>	<i>K. waterbolkkii</i>	Potonie
unspec				
?		<i>Cyathidites</i>	<i>C. sp.</i>	
?		<i>Cyathidites</i>	<i>C. australis</i>	Couper
?		<i>Cyathidites</i>	<i>C. concavus</i>	(Bolkh.) Dettmann
?		<i>Cyathidites</i>	aff./cf. <i>C. concavus</i>	
?		<i>Cyathidites</i>	<i>C. minor</i>	Couper
?		<i>Cyathidites</i>	<i>C. punctatus</i>	(Delcourt & Sprumont)
?		<i>Cyathidites</i>	<i>C. cf. smithii</i>	
?		<i>Cyathidites</i>	<i>C. splendens</i>	
?		<i>Cyathidites</i>	<i>C. subtilis</i>	Partridge
?		<i>Cyathidites/Leiotriletes sp.</i>		
?		<i>Foveotriletes</i>	<i>F. labrus</i>	n.sp.
?		<i>Triancoraesporites</i>	<i>T. sp.</i>	
Cyatheaceae/Dicksoniaceae				
?		<i>Cibotioidites</i>	<i>C. sp.</i>	
Davalliaceae				
<i>Davallia</i>	<i>D. sp.</i>			
<i>Davallia</i>	<i>D. tasmani</i>			Field
Dennstaedtiaceae				
<i>Histiopteris</i>	<i>H. sp.</i>			
<i>Histiopteris</i>	cf. <i>H. sp.</i>			
<i>Histiopteris</i>	<i>H. incisa</i>			(Thunb.) J.Sm.

Cr	Pal		Eo			Oli		Mio			Pli		Ple		H	Reference (see Appendix 1)
L	E	L	E	M	L	E	L	E	M	L	E	L	E	L		
								1								24
															1	6
								1	1	1	1	1	1		<u>1</u>	24
															1	6
2																19,76
								1	<u>1</u>							94
								1	2	1	<u>2</u>					16,24
								1	1	<u>1</u>						19
										1			1			74,75
															1	20
								1	<u>1</u>							24
													1	2	1	9,16
10	2	2	3	1	2	1										9,13,14,27,50,63,65,82,97,98,99,100,108
5	3	2	2	2	3	2										1,5,27,30,65,96,98,99,100
1				2	2	1		1	6	4	12	5	8	6		4,28,37,38,39,42,43,44,45,46,49,51,52,53,54,58,60,64,68,70,71,73,78,90,92,106
									1	1	2	1	2	1		6,16,40,60,111
											1		1			15,33
						1		4	6	12	5	7	6			9,10,12,15,16,20,21,26,31,33,40,45,49,53,57,60,64,68,70,103,104,111
2	1	1	1	2	3	2							1	3		6,9,14,18,32,33,34
									1	1	1	1	1	<u>1</u>		24
									1	3	12	4	6	5		6,9,13,15,16,20,21,26,33,45,46,49,53,54,57,60,68,111
						1		3	5	12	5	4	5			6,12,16,20,21,40,45,46,49,53,54,57,60,64,68,70,90,92,103,104,111
2	1	1	1	1	3	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	6		6,7,8,9,9,10,14,18,31,32,33,34,78,92
			1	1	1	1	1									52
						4	4	1	2	1						52,60,79,80,81,83,89
						2	2	1	1							85,89
		1		6	6	7	3									30,52,65,69,80,83,85,87,89,91,98,99
			1	1	1	2	<u>2</u>									24,84,86
8	3	3	4	6	11	4	6	6	2	1						1,3,24,27,30,48,59,61,65,66,67,79,80,81,83,85,88,89,91,97,98,99,100,107,108
6	1	2	2	1		1			1	1	1					23,25,47,50,61,63,65,98,100
1																63
2																47,93
8	2	2	3	4	4	2	1		1	1	1					3,5,23,25,27,47,50,61,63,88,93,97,98
1																63
												1				7
	1	1	1													100
						1	1									83,89
1	1	1														93
								1	1		1					54,59
	1	1	2	1												1,100
2	2	1		1	1	1	1									98,107
													1			52
								1	1	1	1	1	1	<u>1</u>		24
						1							1	1		33,34,52
								1								79
								1	8	7	12	4	5	7		4,9,10,15,16,20,21,28,32,34,44,46,49,53,54,57,58,60,68,90,104,106

Table 1 (continued)

Family Modern Genus	Modern species	Recorded genus	Recorded species	Authority
<i>Histiopteris</i>	<i>H. incisa</i> ?	<i>Polypodiisporites</i>	<i>P. histiopteroides</i>	(Krutzsch) Nagy
<i>Histiopteris</i>	cf. <i>H. incisa</i>	<i>Polypodiisporites</i>	<i>P. cf. histiopteroides</i>	(Krutzsch) Nagy
<i>Hypolepis</i>	<i>H. sp.</i>			
<i>Hypolepis</i>	<i>H. ambigua</i> or <i>dicksonioides</i>	<i>Hypolepis</i>	as <i>H. tenuifolia</i>	(G.Forst.) Bernh.
<i>Hypolepis</i>	<i>H. ambigua</i> or <i>dicksonioides</i>	<i>Hypolepis</i>	as aff./cf. <i>H. tenuifolia</i>	
<i>Hypolepis</i>		<i>Hypolepis</i>	<i>H. maruiensis</i> *	unpubl.
<i>Hypolepis</i>		" <i>Hypolepis</i> "	<i>H. spinyspora</i> *	
<i>Leptolepia</i>	<i>L. sp.</i>			
<i>Lindsaea</i>	<i>L. sp.</i>			
<i>Lindsaea</i>	<i>L. linearis</i>			Sw.
<i>Lindsaea</i>	<i>L. trichomanoides</i>			Dryand.
<i>Lindsaea</i>	<i>L. trichomanoides</i>	<i>Lindsaea</i>	as <i>L. cuneata</i>	(G.Forst.) C.Ch.
<i>Lindsaea</i>	aff. <i>L. trichomanoides</i>			
<i>Paesia</i>	<i>P. sp.</i>			
<i>Paesia</i>	<i>P. scaberula</i>			(A.Rich.) Kuhn
<i>Paesia</i>	aff./? <i>P. scaberula</i>			(A.Rich.) Kuhn
<i>Pteridium</i>	<i>P. sp.</i>			
<i>Pteridium</i>	<i>P. esculentum</i>			(G.Forst.) Cockayne
<i>Pteridium</i>	<i>P. esculentum</i>	<i>Pteridium</i>	as <i>P. aquilinum</i>	(L.) Kuhn
<i>Pteridium</i>	<i>P. esculentum</i>	<i>Pteridium</i>	as <i>P. aquilinum</i> var. <i>esculentum</i>	(G.Forst.) Kuhn
<i>Pteridium</i>	cf. <i>P. esculentum</i>	<i>Pteridium</i>	as cf. <i>P. aquilinum</i>	
Dicksoniaceae				
<i>Dicksonia</i>	<i>D. sp.</i>			
<i>Dicksonia</i>	<i>D. fibrosa</i>			Col.
<i>Dicksonia</i>	<i>D. fibrosa</i> ?			Col.
<i>Dicksonia</i>	<i>D. lanata</i>			Col.
<i>Dicksonia</i>	aff./? <i>D. lanata</i>			
<i>Dicksonia</i>	<i>D. squarrosa</i>			(G.Forst.) Sw.
<i>Dicksonia</i>	aff./? <i>D. squarrosa</i>			
<i>Dicksonia</i>		<i>Dicksonia</i>	<i>D. pterioides</i>	Ettingsh.
<i>Dicksonia</i>		<i>Matonisporites</i>	<i>M. ornamentalis</i>	(Cookson) Partridge
<i>Culcita</i> *		<i>Rugulatisporites</i>	<i>R. sp.</i>	
<i>Culcita</i> *		<i>Rugulatisporites</i>	<i>R. cowrensis</i>	(Martin)
<i>Culcita</i> *		<i>Rugulatisporites</i>	<i>R. mallatus</i>	Stover
<i>Culcita</i> *		<i>Rugulatisporites</i>	cf./? <i>R. mallatus</i>	Stover
<i>Culcita</i> *		<i>Rugulatisporites</i>	<i>R. micraulaxus</i>	Partridge
<i>Culcita</i> *		<i>Rugulatisporites</i>	<i>R. trophus</i>	Partridge
<i>Culcita</i> *		<i>Rugulatisporites</i>	<i>R. cf. trophus</i>	Partridge
?		<i>Cibotioidites</i>	<i>C. tuberculiformis</i>	(Cookson)
?		<i>Concavissimisporites</i>	<i>C. cf. penolaensis</i>	Dettmann
?		<i>Trilites</i>	<i>T. kopukuensis</i>	Couper
?		<i>Trilites</i>	<i>T. tuberculiformis</i>	Cookson
?		<i>Trilites</i>	cf. <i>T. tuberculiformis</i>	
Dicksoniaceae/Schizaeaceae				
?		<i>Ischyosporites</i>	<i>I. sp.</i>	
?		<i>Ischyosporites</i>	<i>I. gremius</i>	Stover
?		<i>Ischyosporites</i>	cf. <i>I. gremius</i>	
Dryopteridaceae				
<i>Arachnoides</i>				
<i>Athyrium</i>	<i>A. sp.</i>			
<i>Ctenitis</i>	<i>C. sp.</i>			
<i>Cyrtomium</i>				
<i>Cystopteris</i>				
<i>Deparia</i>	<i>D. petersenii</i>	<i>Athyrium</i>	as <i>A. japonicum</i>	

Cr	Pal	Eo	Oli	Mio	Pli	Ple	H	Reference
L	E L	E M L	E L	E M L	E L	E L		(see Appendix 1)
			1	1 1 1	1 1	1 1	1	30,59
				1	1			58
				1	2 5	2 2	5	20,21,26,28,32,52,53,54,58,60,68,92
					2	1 2	2	28,44,53
				1 1	1 1	2 3	2	9,16,24
				1 1				24
			1					30
						1		52
				1			1 1	28,52
				1	1 5	1 2	2	28,44,45,53,60,64,68
					1		1	20,68
				1	1 2	1 2	1	9,16
	1 1							18
	1					1 2		33,52,111
				3 5	13	4 7	5	9,15,16,20,21,28,36,40,44,45,46,49,53,54,58,60,92,104,106
	2 1	4	5 2	3	2 3	3 2	1	13,18,44,58,59,68,79,80,81,83,89,91
	1			2	1	1	2	10,16,20,33,52,57,78
					1 1	2 1	3	31,32,34,54,74
			1 2	6	3 9	4 5	5	4,9,10,15,16,28,36,40,44,45,49,53,60,64,68,71,90
	1 1		1 1	1	1 2	1 1	2	16,18,20,24
				1 1 1				59
1						1	1	52,58,92
					2 2	5 2	5 6	6,9,15,16,20,28,32,33,34,40,60,68
						1		7
						2	3	6,26,34,44,58
				1 1	1 1	1 1	2	24,104
				1 7	6 14	8 11	13	4,6,9,16,20,21,26,28,31,32,33,34,36,40,42,43,44,45,49,53,54,57,58,60,64,68,78,90,92,104,106,111
1	1 2	2 3	5	4 1	1 1 1	1 2	1 1	1
1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1		13,15,18,35,37,38,39,70,110
1	2 1					2		19
4	1		1			2		30,68,72,96,98
								3,58,67,91,93,99,106
				1 2	2 2	2		30,59,60
	2 3	3 3	2	4 6	3 1	1 1	1	1,30,59,65,80,81,83,87,88,89,91,98,100
					1 1		1	24,58
				1	4			79,81,85,89
		1 1	1	1 2	4 1	2 2	3 1	30,54,59,60,85,89,106
				1				81
2	1 1	2 4	5	3				1,5,65,88,97,99,100
1								98
		1 2						13,14
5	2 2	3 4	4	2 4	5 2	2 1	1	24,27,50,58,59,61,63,66,67,79,80,81,83,88,89,91,93,108
2	1 1		1		1	1 1		3,9,7,48,58,67
		1						66
		1 1		2 2	1 1			59,66,81,83,89,91
				1		1 1		58,80
						1		52
							1	52
					1 1			60

Table 1 (continued)

Family	Modern	Recorded	Recorded	Authority
Modern Genus	species	genus	species	
<i>Diplazium</i>				
<i>Dryopteris</i>	<i>D. sp.</i>			
<i>Dryopteris</i>		<i>Dryopteris</i>	<i>D. novae-zealandiae</i>	Oliv.
<i>Lastreopsis</i>	<i>L. glabella</i>	as <i>Ctenitis</i>	as <i>C. glabella</i>	(A.Cunn.) Copel.
<i>Lastreopsis</i>	<i>L. hispida</i>	as <i>Rumohra</i>	as <i>R. hispida</i>	(Sw.) Cop.
<i>Polystichum</i>	<i>P. sp.</i>			
<i>Rumohra</i>	<i>R. sp.</i>			
<i>Rumohra</i>	<i>R. adiantiformis</i>			(G.Forst.) Ching
Gleicheniaceae				
<i>Dicranopteris</i>	<i>D. sp.</i>			
<i>Dicranopteris</i>		<i>Dictyophyllidites</i>	<i>D. arcuatus</i>	Pocknall & Mildenhall
<i>Gleichenia</i>	<i>G. sp.</i>			
<i>Gleichenia</i>	? <i>G. sp.</i>			
<i>Gleichenia</i>	<i>G. dicarpa</i>	as <i>Gleichenia</i>	as <i>G. circinata</i>	Sw.
<i>Gleichenia</i>	aff. <i>G. dicarpa</i>	as <i>Gleichenia</i>	as aff./? <i>G. circinata</i>	Sw.
<i>Gleichenia</i>		<i>Gleichenia</i>	<i>G. obscura</i>	Ettingsh.
<i>Gleichenia</i>		<i>Cladophlebis</i>	<i>C. obscura</i>	(Ettingsh.) McQueen
<i>Gleichenia</i>		<i>Sticherus</i>	<i>S. obscurus</i>	(Ettingsh.) Oliver
<i>Gleichenia</i>		<i>Gleichenia</i>	<i>G. southlandica</i>	n.sp.
<i>Sticherus</i>	<i>S. sp.</i>			
<i>Sticherus</i>	<i>S. cunninghamii</i>			(Hew. ex Hook.) Ching
<i>Sticherus</i>	<i>S. cunninghamii</i>	as <i>Gleichenia</i>	as <i>G. cunninghamii</i>	Hew. ex Hook.
unspec	unspec			
?		<i>Clavifera</i>	<i>C. sp.</i>	
?		<i>Clavifera</i>	<i>C. rudis</i>	Bolkh.
?		<i>Clavifera</i>	<i>C. triplex</i>	(Bolkh.)
?		<i>Gleicheniuidites</i>	<i>G. sp.</i>	
?		<i>Gleicheniuidites</i>	type/? <i>G. sp.</i>	
?		<i>Gleicheniuidites</i>	<i>G. circinidites</i>	Cookson
?		<i>Gleicheniuidites</i>	cf. <i>G. fernonensis</i>	(Delcourt & Sprumont)
?		<i>Gleicheniuidites</i>	<i>G. senonicus</i>	Ross
?		<i>Ornamentifera</i>	<i>O. sp.</i>	
Grammitidaceae				
<i>Ctenopteris</i>	<i>C. heterophylla</i>			
<i>Ctenopteris</i>	<i>C. heterophylla</i>	<i>Grammitis</i>	as <i>G. heterophylla</i>	Labill.
<i>Grammitis</i>	<i>G. sp.</i>			
<i>Grammitis</i>	cf./? <i>G. sp.</i>			
<i>Grammitis</i>		<i>Gemmatriletes</i>	<i>G. multiglobus</i>	n.sp.
<i>Grammitis</i>		<i>Gemmatriletes</i>	<i>G. sp.</i>	Pierce
Hymenophyllaceae				
<i>Hymenophyllum</i>	<i>H. sp.</i>			
<i>Hymenophyllum</i>	type <i>H. sp.</i>			
<i>Hymenophyllum</i>	cf. <i>H. bivalve</i>			(G.Forst.) Sw.
<i>Hymenophyllum</i>	<i>H. demissum</i>			(G.Forst.) Sw.
<i>Hymenophyllum</i>	<i>H. demissum/flexuosum</i>	<i>Hymenophyllum</i>	<i>H. sp. (demissum-flexuosum gp.)</i>	
<i>Hymenophyllum</i>	<i>H. dilatatum/pulcherrimum</i>	<i>Hymenophyllum</i>	<i>H. sp. (dilatatum-pulcherrimum gp.)</i>	
<i>Hymenophyllum</i>	cf. <i>H. ferrugineum</i>			Colla
<i>Hymenophyllum</i>	<i>H. multifidum</i>			(G.Forst.) Sw.
<i>Hymenophyllum</i>	cf. <i>H. multifidum</i>			(G.Forst.) Sw.
<i>Hymenophyllum</i>	<i>H. sanguinolentum</i>			(G.Forst.) Sw.
<i>Hymenophyllum</i>	aff./cf. <i>H. sanguinolentum</i>			(G.Forst.) Sw.
<i>Hymenophyllum</i>	<i>H. scabrum</i>			A.Rich.

Cr	Pal	Eo	Oli	Mio	Pli	Ple	H	Reference
L	E L	E M L	E L	E M L	E L	E L		(see Appendix 1)
				3	<u>1</u>			9,10,16
					1	1	<u>1</u>	16,74
						1		15
							1	20
				1	1	1	1	52,60,68
				1				52
				1	1	1	1	9,20
1								52
				2	1	1		54,59,89
1	1	1	2	2	1	1	4	6,22,32,33,34,37,38,39,44,52,55,58,71,90,92,110,111
						1		44
			1	2	2	6	4	7,15,16,28,36,44,49,51,53,54,57,58,59,60,64,68,89
2	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	9,14,64
1								19
1								41
1								76
			1	<u>1</u>				24
1					1	5	1	9,12,15,16,52,60
					1	1		58
						1		6,20,68
				1				84
3	2	1						27,52,93
2	2	2	1					65,98,99,100
7	5	5	5	2				3,27,61,62,63,86,93,97,98,99,100,108
3	2				2			27,79,81,93,107
1			1	1	1			66,82
8	4	5	6	5	8	3	1	3,5,27,50,61,63,65,67,86,88,91,93,97,98,99,100,108
1								91
3	2	2	1		1			65,93,98,99,100
1								52
							1	6
							1	104
					2	3	5	28,33,49,52,53,58,60,68,90,92
				1	2	2	1	4,24,58,106
				1	1			59
				1				81
3	1	1	1	2	3	2	1	6,8,9,14,15,16,24,32,33,36,43,44,46,52,53,58,60,68,70,78,92,103,104,111
							1	6
						1		15
							2	6,20
					1	1	1	9
					1	1	1	9
					1	1	1	9
							1	20
				1	1			60
				1	1	2	1	20,28,53,60,68
				1	<u>1</u>	1		24,58
					2	1	3	9,16,28,40,49

Table 1 (continued)

Family Modern Genus	Modern species	Recorded genus	Recorded species	Authority
<i>Hymenophyllum</i>	cf. <i>H. scabrum</i> cf. <i>sanguinolentum</i>			
<i>Hymenophyllum</i>		<i>Hymenophyllum</i>	<i>H. miozealandicum</i>	unpubl.
<i>Trichomanes</i>	<i>T. sp.</i>			
? <i>Trichomanes</i>	? <i>T. sp.</i>			
<i>Trichomanes</i>	<i>T. elongatum-strictum</i>	<i>Trichomanes</i>	<i>T. sp. (elongatum-strictum</i> <i>gp.)</i>	
<i>Trichomanes</i>	<i>T. reniforme</i>			G.Forst.
<i>Trichomanes</i>	aff/? <i>T. reniforme</i>			Forst.
<i>Trichomanes</i>	? <i>T. reniforme</i>	<i>Cardiomanes</i>	as ? <i>C. reniforme</i>	(G.Forst.) Presl.
unspec	unspec			
?		<i>Biretisporites</i>	<i>B. sp.</i>	
?		<i>Biretisporites</i>	cf. <i>B. sp.</i>	
?		<i>Hymenophyllumsporites</i>	<i>H. sp.</i>	
?		<i>Trilites</i>	<i>T. fragilis</i>	Couper
Loxsomataceae				
<i>Loxsonia</i>				
Marattiaceae				
<i>Marattia</i>	<i>M. sp.</i>			
?		<i>Pecopteris</i>	<i>P. ovata</i>	
?		<i>Tuberculisporites</i>	<i>T. sp.</i>	
Marsileaceae				
<i>Pilularia</i>	<i>P. sp.</i>			
<i>Pilularia</i>	<i>P. novae-zealandiae</i>			
<i>Pilularia</i>		<i>Dictyotosporites</i>	<i>D. sp.</i>	
?		<i>Crybelosporites</i>	cf. <i>C. berberoides</i>	Burger
?		<i>Crybelosporites</i>	<i>C. stylosus</i>	Dettman
Nephrolepidaceae				
<i>Nephrolepis</i>	<i>N. sp.</i>			
<i>Nephrolepis</i>	<i>N. cordifolia</i>			Presl.
<i>Nephrolepis</i>		<i>Polypodiisporites</i>	<i>P. minimus</i>	(Couper) Khan & Martin
<i>Nephrolepis</i>		<i>Polypodiisporites</i>	cf. <i>P. minimus</i>	
Oleandraceae				
<i>Arthropteris</i>	<i>A. sp.</i>			
Ophioglossaceae				
<i>Botrychium</i>	<i>B. sp.</i>			
<i>Ophioglossum</i>	<i>O. sp.</i>			
<i>Ophioglossum</i>	<i>O. coriaceum</i>			A.Cunn.
<i>Ophioglossum</i>	cf. <i>O. coriaceum</i>			A.Cunn.
Osmundaceae				
<i>Leptopteris</i>	<i>L. sp.</i>			
<i>Leptopteris</i>	<i>L. hymenophylloides</i>			(A.Rich.) Presley
<i>Leptopteris</i>	?/cf. <i>L. hymenophylloides</i>			
<i>Leptopteris</i>	cf. <i>L. hymenophylloides</i>	<i>Todea</i>	as cf. <i>T. hymenophylloides</i>	
<i>Leptopteris</i>	<i>L. superba</i>			
<i>Osmunda</i> *		<i>Baculatisporites</i>	<i>B. disconformis</i>	Stover
<i>Osmunda</i> *		<i>Baculatisporites</i>	cf. <i>B. disconformis</i>	Stover
<i>Todea</i>	<i>T. sp.</i>			
unspec	unspec			
?		<i>Baculatisporites</i>	<i>B. sp.</i>	
?		<i>Baculatisporites</i>	<i>B. comaumensis</i>	(Cookson)
?		<i>Baculatisporites</i>	cf. <i>B. comaumensis</i>	(Cookson)
?		<i>Balmeisporites</i>	<i>B. glenelgensis</i>	Cookson & Dettmann
?		<i>Balmeisporites</i>	<i>B. holodictyus</i>	Cookson & Dettmann
?		<i>Cladophlebis</i>	<i>C. prisca</i>	(Ettingsh.) McQueen

Cr	Pal	Eo	Oli	Mio	Pli	Ple	H	Reference
L	E L	E M L	E L	E M L	E L	E L		(see Appendix 1)
					1		15	
				1	1		24	
1				1	1 1	1	16,52,60	
				1	1		24	
					1 1	1 1	1	9
							1	20
				1				24
					1 1	1 1	1	9
		1		1 2 5	3 6	2 2	1	4,28,49,54,58,59,60,68,84,106
2		1	1 1					5,63,97,99
		1						61
1								63
4	3 2	1 1 1	1					3,9,13,14,98
1								52
1								43
		1 1						88
1						1	1	28,52
				1	1 1			58,60
1								65
1								63
2								63,98
				1	1	1		52,92
				3	2 3	1 1	1	9,10,16,103
	1 1	2 5 5	4 4	4 2 3	1 1			13,54,58,59,66,67,79,80,81,83,88,89,91,99
		1 1						48,61
						1		52
				1	1 3	2 5	3	28,31,32,33,34,52,54,58,68,92
					1 1	1 2	2	28,54,64
				1 1 1				59
						1	1	6,16
				1 1	1 1	1 1	1	24
			1					70
							1	104
							1	6
1	1 1	1 3	4	2 2	4 3 3	1 1		5,24,27,58,59,65,81,83,88,89,98,100
1		1 1 1						27,61
			1	1		1 1	1 1	5,52,68
					1 1	1 1		24,58
2	2 2	2 3	5	3 3	2 2 2			4,5,48,52,61,66,80,81,83,91,107,108
10	1 2	1			1			25,27,50,61,63,65,66,79,82,93,98,99
2					1 1 1			59,67,109
1								63
1								63
2								41,77

Table 1 (continued)

Family	Modern	Recorded	Recorded	Authority
Modern Genus	species	genus	species	
?		<i>Cladophlebis</i>	<i>C. australis</i>	(Morris) Halle
?		<i>Cladophlebis</i>	<i>C. reversa</i>	Seward & Holtum
?		<i>Cladophlebis</i>	<i>C. wellmannii</i>	McQueen
?		<i>Osmundacidites</i>	<i>O. sp.</i>	
?		<i>Osmundacidites</i>	? <i>O. sp.</i>	
?		<i>Osmundacidites</i>	<i>O. comaumensis</i>	
?		<i>Osmundacidites</i>	<i>O. wellmannii</i>	Couper
?		<i>Osmundacidites</i>	cf. <i>O. wellmannii</i>	
?		<i>Todisporites</i>	<i>T. sp.</i>	
?		<i>Todisporites</i>	<i>T. major</i>	Couper
?		<i>Todisporites</i>	<i>T. minor</i>	Couper
<i>Polypodiaceae</i>				
<i>Anarthropteris</i>	? <i>A. dictyopteris</i> *			(Mett.) Copel.
<i>Belvisia</i> *		<i>Monolites</i>	<i>M. alveolatus</i>	Couper
<i>Belvisia</i> *		<i>Monolites</i>	? <i>M. alveolatus</i>	Couper
<i>Microsorium</i>	<i>M. sp.</i>	<i>Phymatodes</i>	as <i>P. sp.</i>	
<i>Microsorium</i>	<i>M. sp.</i>	<i>Phymatosorus</i>	as <i>P. sp.</i>	
<i>Microsorium</i>	? <i>M. sp.</i>	<i>Phymatodes</i>	as ? <i>M. sp.</i>	
<i>Microsorium</i>	<i>M. pustulatum</i>	<i>Microsorium</i>	as <i>M. diversifolium</i>	(Willd.) Copel.
<i>Microsorium</i>	<i>M. pustulatum</i>	<i>Phymatodes</i>	as <i>P. diversifolium</i>	(Willd.) Pic. Serm.
<i>Microsorium</i>	<i>M. pustulatum</i>	<i>Phymatosorus</i>	as <i>P. diversifolius</i>	(Willd.) Pic. Serm.
<i>Microsorium</i>	aff. <i>M. pustulatum</i>	<i>Microsorium</i>	as aff. <i>M. diversifolium</i>	
<i>Microsorium</i>	aff. <i>M. pustulatum</i>	<i>Phymatodes</i>	as aff. <i>P. diversifolium</i>	
<i>Microsorium</i>	aff. <i>M. pustulatum</i>	<i>Phymatosorus</i>	as aff. <i>P. diversifolius</i>	
<i>Microsorium</i>	<i>M. scandens</i>	<i>Phymatodes</i>	as <i>P. scandens</i>	
<i>Microsorium</i>	<i>M. scandens</i>	<i>Phymatosorus</i>	as <i>P. scandens</i>	
<i>Microsorium</i>		<i>Polypodiisporites</i>	<i>P. radiatus</i>	Pocknall & Mildenhall
<i>Microsorium</i>		<i>Polypodiisporites</i>	<i>P. variscabratus</i>	Mildenhall & Pocknall
<i>Platyserium</i> *		<i>Platyserium</i>	<i>P. morgani</i>	Oliv.
<i>Polypodium</i>				
<i>Pyrrosia</i>	<i>P. sp.</i>			
<i>Pyrrosia</i>	<i>P. eleagnifolia</i>	<i>Pyrrosia</i>	as <i>P. serpens</i>	
unspec				
?		<i>Monolites</i>	<i>M. major</i>	
?		<i>Monolites</i>	<i>M. minor</i>	Cookson
?		<i>Polypodiidites</i>	<i>P. sp.</i>	
?		<i>Polypodiidites</i>	<i>P. inangahuensis</i>	Couper
?		<i>Polypodiidites</i>	<i>P. minimus</i>	Couper
?		<i>Polypodiidites</i>	cf. <i>P. minimus</i>	Couper
?		<i>Polypodiidites</i>	<i>P. perrucatus</i>	Couper
<i>Microsorium</i>	<i>M.-type</i>	<i>Polypodiisporites</i>	<i>P. sp.</i>	
?		<i>Polypodiisporites</i>	<i>P. inangahuensis</i>	(Couper) Potonie
?		<i>Polypodiisporites</i>	cf. <i>P. inangahuensis</i>	(Couper)
?		<i>Polypodiisporites</i>	<i>P. perrucatus</i>	(Couper) Khan & Martin
<i>Polypodiaceae/Blechnaceae</i>				
unspec				
?		<i>Laevigatosporites</i>	<i>L. sp.</i>	
?		<i>Laevigatosporites</i>	<i>L. major</i>	(Cookson) Krutzsch
?		<i>Laevigatosporites</i>	<i>L. ovatus</i>	Wilson & Webster
<i>Pteridaceae</i>				
<i>Adiantum</i>	<i>A. sp.</i>			
<i>Adiantum</i>	type <i>A. sp.</i>			
<i>Anogramma</i>	<i>A. sp.</i>			
<i>Anogramma</i>	<i>A. leptophylla</i>			(L.) Link
<i>Cheilanthes</i>				

Cr	Pal		Eo			Oli		Mio			Pli		Ple		H	Reference (see Appendix 1)
L	E	L	E	M	L	E	L	E	M	L	E	L	E	L		
2			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	<u>1</u>						41,56,77
1																56
1																41
6	3	3	3	4	5	3	2	2	1	1						3,5,39,52,59,61,67,68,89,97,98,99,109
1																99
1		1														3
10			1	1												1,13,25,47,50,63,65,66,98,99,108
					1	1										99
1			1	1	1	1										1,5,50
2																50,63
2																50,63
											1					15
						2	6	5	3	4	2					13,30,52,59,60,71,79,81,83,85,89
										1	1					58
			1							1	1	1	1	2		33,52,58,111
											2	1	1		3	26,34,44,58,68,78,92
											1					44
						1	1	2	1	3	3	7	1	2	1	7,8,9,10,12,15,16,40,103
									1	3	3	9	2	3	5	4,20,21,28,42,44,46,49,53,57,58,60,64,90,104,106
										2	1	2	2	2	4	6,32,34,54,68,71,90
			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13
			1	3	1			1								18,37,38,81
						3	4	2	2	1	1	1	1		<u>1</u>	24,59,79,80,89
									1	1				1	1	28,60
											2	1	1			54,68
						2	4	4	3	3	3	7	2	1		24,54,58,59,68,72,83,85,87,89,92,106
						1	1	1	1	1						59,68,87
											2		<u>1</u>			16,74,76
														1	1	33,52
											1	4	1	1		43,44,53,54,68
						1	3		1	1	2					7,8,58,68,84
		1	1	1												61
					1											48
4			2	2		2	1				1	1				5,27,43,44,97,98,109
						1	1	2	2	3	3	6	1			9,12,13,15,16,44,105
	2	2	1	3	5	4	1									1,3,5,13,36,38,65,98
2											1					3,43,109
						2	3	1	1							9,13,98
1	2	4	2	1	4	1	1	2		3	3	5	2	2	1	28,30,48,49,53,54,58,60,61,81,85,91,93,99,100
				3	4	3	2	4	3	7	4	4				2,4,10,21,49,58,59,60,70,79,81,83,88,89,90,91,99
				2	1							1				48,99,106
						3	5	5	2	3	1					58,59,79,80,81,83,85,87,89
																84
3	2	1	1	3	3											63,66,66,88,91,93,107
7	4	3	1	3	3	3	1									3,27,63,65,88,98,99,100,108
10	4	4	4	4	4	3	1									1,3,5,27,47,50,61,63,65,66,98,99,100,108
2	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	6	6	8	1	3	3	9,10,12,14,14,15,16,20,28,43,45,52,59,60,68,103
															1	32
														1		52
											1					2

Table 1 (continued)

Family	Modern	Recorded	Recorded	Authority
Modern Genus	species	genus	species	
<i>Pellaea</i>	<i>P. sp.</i>			
<i>Pteris</i>	<i>P. sp.</i>			
<i>Pteris</i>	? <i>P. sp.</i>			
<i>Pteris</i>	<i>P. comans</i>			G.Forst.
<i>Pteris</i>	cf. <i>P. comans</i>			
<i>Pteris</i>	<i>P. tremula</i>			R.Br.
<i>Pteris</i>		<i>Pteris</i>	<i>P. pteroides</i>	(Ettingsh.) Oliv.
<i>Pteris</i>		<i>Camazonosporites</i>	<i>C. bullatus</i>	Harris
<i>Pteris</i>		<i>Camazonosporites</i>	cf. <i>C. bullatus</i>	
<i>Pteris</i>		<i>Polypodiaceosporites</i>	<i>P. sp.</i>	
<i>Pteris</i>		<i>Polypodiaceosporites</i>	<i>P. papuamus</i>	(Khan) Pocknall
<i>Pteris</i>		<i>Polypodiaceosporites</i>	cf. <i>P. retirugatus</i>	
<i>Pteris</i>		<i>Polypodiaceosporites</i>	<i>P. tumulatus</i>	Partridge
<i>Pteris</i>		<i>Polypodiaceosporites</i>	cf. <i>P. tumulatus</i>	
?		<i>Contignisporites</i>	<i>C. sp.</i>	
Schizaeaceae				
<i>Anemia</i> *		<i>Cicatricosisporites</i>	<i>C. sp.</i>	
<i>Anemia</i> *		<i>Cicatricosisporites</i>	<i>C. australiensis</i>	(Cookson)
<i>Anemia</i> *		<i>Cicatricosisporites</i>	cf. <i>C. australiensis</i>	(Cookson)
<i>Anemia</i> *		<i>Cicatricosisporites</i>	cf. <i>C. cuneiformis</i>	Pocock
<i>Anemia</i> *		<i>Cicatricosisporites</i>	<i>C. hughesii</i>	Dettmann
<i>Anemia</i> *		<i>Cicatricosisporites</i>	<i>C. ludbrookiae</i>	Dettmann
<i>Anemia</i> *		<i>Cicatricosisporites</i>	<i>C. venustus</i>	Deak
<i>Lygodium</i>	<i>L. sp.</i>			
<i>Lygodium</i>	cf. <i>L. sp.</i>			
<i>Lygodium</i>	<i>L. articulatum</i>			A.Rich.
<i>Lygodium</i>	aff. <i>L. articulatum</i>			A.Rich.
<i>Lygodium</i>		<i>Crassoretitrites</i>	<i>C. sp.</i>	
<i>Lygodium</i>		<i>Crassoretitrites</i>	<i>C. vanraadshoovenii</i>	
<i>Schizaea</i>	<i>S. sp.</i>			
<i>Schizaea</i>	cf. <i>S. sp.</i>			
<i>Schizaea</i>	cf. <i>S. fistulosa</i>			Labill.
unspec	unspec			
?		<i>Microfoveolatosporites</i>	<i>M. sp.</i>	
?		<i>Microfoveolatosporites</i>	<i>M. canaliculatus</i>	Dettmann
?		<i>Microfoveolatosporites</i>	<i>M. fromensis</i>	(Cookson) Harris
?		<i>Microfoveolatosporites</i>	<i>M. cf. fromensis</i>	(Cookson)
Thelypteridaceae				
<i>Christella</i>		<i>Christella</i>		
<i>Cyclosorus</i>	<i>C. sp.</i>			
<i>Macrothelypteris</i>		<i>Macrothelypteris</i>		
<i>Pneumatopteris</i>	<i>P. pennigera</i>	<i>Cyclosorus</i>	as <i>C. tertiaro-zeelandicus</i>	(Ettingsh.) Oliver
<i>Pneumatopteris</i>	<i>P. pennigera</i>	<i>Goniopteris</i>	as <i>G. pennigera</i>	J.Sm.
<i>Pneumatopteris</i>	<i>P. pennigera</i>	<i>Goniopteris</i>	as <i>G. pennigera</i>	J.Sm.
<i>Pneumatopteris</i>	<i>P. pennigera</i>	<i>Thelypteris</i>	as <i>T. pennigera</i>	(G.Forst.) Allan
<i>Pneumatopteris</i>	<i>P. pennigera</i>	<i>Aspidium</i>	as <i>A. tertiaro-zeelandicum</i>	Ettingsh.
<i>Pneumatopteris</i>	cf. <i>P. pennigera</i>			(G.Forst.) Holttum
<i>Thelypteris</i>	<i>T. sp.</i>			
<i>Thelypteris</i>	? <i>T. sp.</i>			
<i>Thelypteris</i>	<i>T. confuens</i>	<i>Thelypteris</i>	as <i>T. palustris</i>	Schott.
?		<i>Aspidium</i>	<i>A. cretaceozelandicum</i>	Ettingsh.
?		<i>Aspidium</i>	<i>A. otogocum</i>	Ettingsh.
?		<i>Cyclosorus</i>	<i>C. cretico-zeelandicus</i>	(Ettingsh.) Oliv.
Vittariaceae				
<i>Antrophyum</i> *	? <i>A. sp.</i>			

Cr	Pal		Eo			Oli		Mio			Pli		Ple		H	Reference
L	E	L	E	M	L	E	L	E	M	L	E	L	E	L		(see Appendix 1)
													1			52
3	1	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	2	3	1	7,9,14,15,16,33,52,58,92,106,110
													1			49
						1				1	2	5	2	2	2	21,28,49,54,60,64,68,70,106
								1	1							4
												2				54,68
1																76
1	2	2	1													98,100
								1	1							89
1	1	2	2	4	2	2	1	1								1,30,79,91,93,98,99
						2	1	2								83,87,91
1	1															3
			2	4	3	1	1	5	4	3	1	3	2	1	1	4,24,54,59,66,67,68,79,81,89,91,97
			1	2	1											5,66
1																99
2	2	2	1													52,63,93,100
2																50,63
		1	1	1												61
		1	1													61
1																63
1																63
1																63
	1	<u>1</u>		2				1	1							52,95,101
		1	1													110
										2	3	5	3	5	2	6,28,53,54,58,60,68,90,92,106
						1	1									18
						1		1								81,91
					1											30
								2	1	2	2	2	3	2		8,16,20,28,52,58,68
		1	1			1	1	1	1							4,61,79,80
							1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9
1																52
1					3	1		1	1	1						5,52,59,97,98
2																50,63
2																63,98
						1	1									89
					1	<u>1</u>										5
1																76
													1			75
											1					16
															1	20
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	<u>1</u>					19
								1	<u>1</u>							94
													1			52
												1				54
													1	1		16
2																19,41
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	<u>1</u>					19
1																76
								1	<u>1</u>							24

Table 1 (continued)

Family	Modern	Recorded	Recorded	Authority
Modern Genus	species	genus	species	
RECORDS OF UNKNOWN AFFINITY				
Monolete spores unspc				
Trilete spores unspc				
?		<i>Appendicisporites</i>	<i>A. distocarinatus</i>	Dettmann & Playford
?		<i>Cingutrilites</i>	<i>C. sp.</i>	
?		<i>Cingutrilites</i>	<i>C. clavus</i>	(Balme)
?		<i>Cingutrilites</i>	<i>C. cf. C. clavus</i>	(Balme)
?		<i>Cingutrilites</i>	<i>C. regium</i>	
?		<i>Cladophlebis</i>	<i>C. cf. albertsi</i>	(Dunker) Seward
?		<i>Clavatisporites</i>	<i>C. sp.</i>	
?		<i>Coniopteris</i>	<i>C. sp.</i>	
?		<i>Coniopteris</i>	<i>C. ?lobata</i>	(Oldham) McQueen
?		<i>Contignisporites</i>	<i>C. cf. C. cooksoniae</i>	(Balme)
?		<i>Contignisporites</i>	<i>C. cf. C. glebulentus</i>	Dettmann
?		<i>Contignisporites</i>	<i>C. cf. C. multimuratus</i>	Dettmann
?		<i>Cyclosporites</i>	<i>C. hughesii</i>	(Cookson & Dettmann)
?		<i>Dictyophyllidites</i>	<i>D. sp.</i>	
?		<i>Dictyophyllidites</i>	<i>D. concavus</i>	Harris
?		<i>Dictyophyllidites</i>	<i>D. cf. D. concavus</i>	Harris
?		<i>Dictyotosporites</i>	<i>D. sp.</i>	
?		<i>Dictyotosporites</i>	<i>D. cf. complex</i>	Cookson & Dettmann
?		<i>Dictyotosporites</i>	<i>D. speciosus</i>	Cookson & Dettmann
?		<i>Echinosporis</i>	<i>E. sp.</i>	
?		<i>Foveogleicheniidites</i>	<i>F. sp.</i>	
?		<i>Foveotrilites</i>	<i>F. sp.</i>	
?		<i>Foveotrilites</i>	<i>F. parviretus</i>	(Balme) Dettmann
?		<i>Hazaria</i>	<i>H. sp.</i>	
?		<i>Kuylisporites</i>	<i>K. lunaris</i>	Cookson & Dettmann
?		<i>Latrobosporites</i>	<i>L. ohaiensis</i>	(Couper) Stover
?		<i>Leiotrilites</i>	<i>L. sp.</i>	
?		<i>Leptolepidites</i>	<i>L. major</i>	Couper
?		"Microrugulate"		
?		<i>Neoraistrickia</i>	<i>N. sp.</i>	
?		<i>Papillosporites</i>	<i>P. sp.</i>	
?		<i>Peregrinisporites</i>	<i>P. sp.</i>	
?		<i>Peromonolites</i>	<i>P. sp.</i>	
?		<i>Peromonolites</i>	<i>P. vellosus</i>	Partridge
?		<i>Perotrilites</i>	<i>P. sp.</i>	
?		<i>Perotrilites</i>	? <i>P. sp.</i>	
?		<i>Perotrilites</i>	<i>P. laceratus</i>	Norris
?		<i>Perotrilites</i>	<i>P. linearis</i>	(Cookson & Dettmann)
?		<i>Perotrilites</i>	<i>P. majus</i>	(Cookson & Dettmann)
				Evans
?		<i>Perotrilites</i>	<i>P. papillatus</i>	Harris
?		<i>Phyllopteroides</i>	<i>P. sp.</i>	
?		<i>Phyllopteroides</i>	cf. <i>P. dentata</i>	Medwell
?		<i>Phyllopteroides</i>	cf. <i>P. lanceolata</i>	(Walkom) Medwell
?		<i>Phyllopteroides</i>	cf. <i>P. laevis</i>	Cantrill & Webb
?		<i>Phyllopteroides</i>	cf. <i>P. serrata</i>	Cantrill & Webb
?		<i>Plicifera</i>	<i>P. sp.</i>	
?		<i>Punctatosporites</i>	<i>P. sp.</i>	
?		<i>Punctatosporites</i>	cf. <i>P. sp.</i>	
?		<i>Radialisporites</i>	<i>R. cf. radiatus</i>	(Krutzsch) Krutzsch
?		<i>Reticulatisporites</i>	<i>R. sp.</i>	
?		<i>Reticulatisporites</i>	<i>R. mangapiensis</i>	Mildenhall

Cr	Pal	Eo	Oli	Mio	Pli	Ple	H	Reference
L	E L	E M L	E L	E M L	E L	E L		(see Appendix 1)
1	1	2 2 2	2 2	3 2 4	4 13	6 9	11	4,6,22,24,26,28,31,33,34,42,43,44,45,46,48,49,50,53,54,57,58, 60,61,64,66,68,70,73,78,79,80,81,83,92,104,106,111
2	1	1	2		3	3 5	2	22,46,48,49,50,53,54,58,60,61,66,78,106
1								63
2								27,108
3	1	1						61,63,65,99
				1	1	1		59
1								108
1								77
1								99
1								56
1								77
1								63
1								63
1								63
1								63
3	1 1	1		1				27,50,63,81,100
	3 2	1 2	1					3,98,99,100
		1 2						67,99
1								98
1	1	1						61,98
1								63
3	2 2	2 2 2	2 1	1 1 1				1,5,59,63,97,98,99,100
		1						97
2			1	1				63,81,91,99
1								98
			1					97
1								50
1	1 1							98
3	3 2	1 2 2	2 1					27,97,98,99,100
1								63
	1							27
	1 1	1						100
				1	1	1		59
	1 1							98
2			1 1 1					5,61,99,108
				1	1	2	1	59,60
2								93,98
	1 1	1						100
1								63
1								63
2								63,98
	2 2	1						98,100
1								56
1								77
1								77
1								77
1								77
	1 1							98
2			1	1		1	1	5,27,58,98
		1						61
		1 1						1
2			1		1			50,66,81,91
						3	1	45,49,51,64

Table 1 (continued)

Family	Modern	Recorded	Recorded	Authority
Modern Genus	species	genus	species	
?		<i>Reticulatisporites</i>	? <i>R. mangapiensis</i>	Mildenhall
?		<i>Reticulatisporites</i>	<i>R. pudens</i>	Balme
?		<i>Reticulatisporites</i>	? <i>R. pudens</i>	Balme
?		<i>Reticuloidosporites</i>	<i>R. arcus</i>	(Balme)
?		<i>Rubinella</i>	<i>R. sp.</i>	
?		<i>Rubinella</i>	<i>R. major</i>	(Couper) Norris
?		<i>Schizosporis</i>	<i>S. cf. parvus</i>	Cookson & Dettmann
?		<i>Sphenopteris</i>	<i>S. sp.</i>	
?		<i>Sphenopteris</i>	<i>S. mackayi</i>	McQueen
?		<i>Sphenopteris</i>	<i>S. pterioides</i>	Ettingsh.
?		<i>Torcingulatisporites</i>	<i>T. sp.</i>	
?		<i>Trilites</i>	<i>T. sp.</i>	
?		<i>Trilites</i>	<i>T. cf. annulata</i>	
?		<i>Trilites</i>	<i>T. bifurcatus</i>	Couper
?		<i>Trilites</i>	<i>T. cf. bifurcatus</i>	Couper
?		<i>Trilites</i>	<i>T. hayii</i>	n.sp.
?		<i>Trilites</i>	<i>T. lachlanae</i>	Couper
?		<i>Trilites</i>	<i>T. microfoveolatus</i>	
?		<i>Trilites</i>	<i>T. ohaiensis</i>	Couper
?		<i>Trilites</i>	<i>T. verrucatus</i>	Couper
?		<i>Trilites</i>	<i>T. cf. verrucatus</i>	Couper
?		<i>Trilites</i>	<i>T. types</i>	
?		<i>Verrucatosporites</i>	<i>V. sp.</i>	
?		<i>Verrucatosporites</i>	? <i>V. sp.</i>	
?		<i>Verrucosisporites</i>	<i>V. sp.</i>	
?		<i>Verrucosisporites</i>	<i>V. cristatus</i>	Partridge
?		<i>Verrucosisporites</i>	cf./? <i>V. cristatus</i>	Partridge

CONVENTIONS FOLLOWED

A database of all fossil records of ferns (macrofossils and spores) in New Zealand was compiled from published literature and some in press and unpublished sources. With the history of the extant fern flora in mind, the late Cretaceous, c. 90 million years before present (M yr BP), was chosen as a starting point of this database. By c. 100 M yr BP, many Mesozoic lineages had become extinct, and from the Late Cretaceous it becomes easier to assign spores to extant fern taxa (e.g., Hill & Jordan 1998; Nagalingum et al. 2002). Moreover, New Zealand broke away from Gondwana c. 85 M yr BP; thus, the database covers the period after which New Zealand became a separate biogeographical region (Sutherland 1999 and references therein; Lee et al. 2001).

As part of the Species 2000 project, great efforts have been made to produce an electronic list of all known extinct and extant species in the world (<http://www.sp2000.org>). Three workers have produced the section on pre-Pleistocene fern

macro- and microfossils of New Zealand (Pole (in Breitweiser et al. in press) and Raine & Mildenhall (in Breitweiser et al. in press), respectively). These authors kindly allowed their records, which are awaiting publication, to be used in the compilation of this database.

The database includes more than 3300 occurrences of fern macro- and microfossils as recorded in 112 references. The oldest reference is Ettingshausen (1891), but most references are post 1960. Using Microsoft Excel, each fossil occurrence was documented for the time period recorded in the references.

We provide a summary of all fern fossil records in New Zealand from the late Cretaceous onwards (Table 1). In this table each row refers to one taxon and the number of records per time period is noted. The references for these records are numbered in the "Reference" column and included as Appendix 1. When macrofossils are included in one or more of the records, the relevant digit is printed in bold and underlined.

Cr	Pal	Eo	Oli	Mio	Pli	Ple	H	Reference
L	E L	E M L	E L	E M L	E L	E L		(see Appendix 1)
					1			49
1								63
1								50
1								63
3								65,98
2								65,98,99
1								50
1								17
2								41,77
1								41
		1						97
8	1 2			1	1 3	1		3,15,27,52,58,68,108,109,112
1								3
					1 3	3 1	1	2,13,44,57
					1			57
			1					9
					1 1	1		9,16
1								108
6	1 2	1 1 1	1					3,9,13,14,27,109
8	2 1		1 1					3,9,13,14,18,27,50,82,93
2								27,108
1								52
1								109
		1						97
		1		1 1				58,91
				1 1 2	1			59,60
			1 1	1 1				58,89

Taxa are arranged under the following groups: fern allies, true ferns, and records of unknown affinity. Within these groups, taxa are listed alphabetically by family, genus, and species. Form-taxa that have a probable or known affinity with a certain modern taxon are included under that taxon. The form-taxa are then listed in the "Recorded Genus/Species" column(s), with the affinity in the "Modern Family/Genus/Species" column(s). The taxa are shown as recorded by the original author, including "aff.", "cf.", or "?" where appropriate. These represent records of a spore/macrofossil with affinity to or comparable to a known (form) taxa, or a spore/macrofossil possibly identifiable as a certain taxon, respectively. In this condensed version of the data, these records are combined (as shown in the appropriate columns).

The nomenclature used in the original reference is updated where currently accepted names (following Brownsey & Smith-Dodsworth 2000) could be unequivocally determined. In that case, the original name is cited in the "Recorded Genus/Species"

column(s). This is not always possible; for example, when the old name has been split into two or more new names, in which case the original name is still used in the "Modern Genus/Species" column(s).

In the original references, the time range for each fossil record was given in terms of New Zealand stages or international time series. For incorporation in the database, the New Zealand stages were all transferred to the international timescale using the latest version of the New Zealand geological timescale (Cooper 2004). If records were given in terms of both New Zealand stages and international time series and this combination was incongruent with Cooper (2004), the New Zealand stage noted was then reassigned to the international time period according to the new timescale. The data are summarised as recorded by the original author, and care should therefore be taken regarding inconsistencies and out-of-date stratigraphic information and identifications.

The summary presented here (Table 1) is the abbreviated version of the electronic data (in Microsoft

Excel format), which is available on <http://www.otago.ac.nz/geology/databases> and from the authors on request. More detail can be obtained from this electronic version where each fossil record mentioned in all references is included as one row. This shows the appropriate time interval for each fossil taxon as well as the geographical ranges in which the fossils were found. The bibliographical references to the affinities of the form-taxa are also provided. This electronic version is the recommended way of using the data, since searching, sorting, adding, amending, and deleting taxa may be readily carried out.

DISCUSSION

This study provides the first complete and comprehensive review of the late Cretaceous–Cenozoic fern fossil record of New Zealand. The database should form the foundation of future studies on the history, biogeography, and phylogeny of New Zealand ferns. It provides minimum estimates for times of arrival and/or origin of lineages in the region, which should greatly increase our understanding of the biogeography of ferns.

For example, Brownsey (2001) suggested that ferns are plants of ancient lineage, but that “most pteridophytes have arrived in New Zealand relatively recently, by long-distance dispersal”. This hypothesis can now be re-assessed with the use of the above up-to-date fossil information (Cieraad 2003).

The database shows that 11 of the 23 extant families with a fossil record have been in the New Zealand region since the late Cretaceous, while eight families have probably arrived since Miocene

times (Table 2). Most modern species have appeared in the known fossil record since the early to late Miocene as shown by the presence of their spores in the fossil record, although morphologically very similar spores may have been present for much longer periods (Table 1; Polypodiaceae, *Microsorium pustulatum*). That the Miocene is a significant transition period is evident in the database (Table 1), where spores which are possibly related to (“aff.”, “cf.”) now become indistinguishable from their modern equivalent. This could be an artefact caused by researcher conservatism (i.e., not wanting to attribute a fossil spore >20 million years old to a living species), or by actual morphological differences in the spores relating to species evolution.

The database also provides a valuable source for age estimates of lineages that are needed to calibrate molecular dating studies. For example, a recent study on molecular data of temperate Australasian *Polystichum* ferns (Perrie et al. 2003) has found that the genus probably arrived in New Zealand through trans-oceanic dispersal from Australia within the last 20 million years. These authors noted that, in all likelihood, the arrival occurred much more recently than the 20 M yr estimate. The New Zealand fossil record (Table 1, Dryopteridaceae, *Polystichum* sp.) is in line with the findings of Perrie et al. (2003), with the first appearance of the family in the late Miocene (c. 11–6 M yr BP) (rather than in the Quaternary as stated by Mildenhall (1980)).

It should be kept in mind that the oldest fossil record of a taxon gives only a minimum estimate of its age and may not always be a good approximation of the length of time the taxon has actually existed (e.g., Moran & Smith 2001). As Pole (2001) pointed out, the accuracy of first appearances depends on the

Table 2 Appearance of extant New Zealand fern families in the fossil record since the separation of New Zealand from Gondwana. *, also present prior to 85 M yr BP.

Time period	Family
Late Cretaceous (from c. 85 Mya)	Blechnaceae*?, Cyatheaceae*, Dicksoniaceae*, Gleicheniaceae*, Hymenophyllaceae, Lycopodiaceae*, Marattiaceae*, Osmundaceae*, Polypodiaceae, Pteridaceae, Schizaeaceae, Thelypteridaceae
Paleocene	Nephrolepidaceae
Eocene	Dennstaedtiaceae, Psilotaceae
Oligocene	-
Miocene	Aspleniaceae, Davalliaceae, Dryopteridaceae, Grammitidaceae, Isoetaceae, Marsileaceae, Ophioglossaceae
Pliocene	-
Pleistocene	Azollaceae, Oleandraceae
Holocene	-

“length of time over which an organism is found as a fossil and the number of fossiliferous horizons [that have been studied] within that period”. Gaps in the fossil record can be caused by differences in preservation of sedimentary environments. First appearances should therefore be seen in the light of the number of gaps in the records, and increasing data should usually reduce the confidence limits on these appearances (Pole 2001). Similarly, apparent discontinuities are not always an indicator for the interruption of *in situ* lineages and new long-distance introductions (Winkworth et al. 1999).

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