



An Interesting Species of *Pteris* from Mizoram

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During a recent floristic survey in Tawi Wildlife Sanctuary, Mizoram (18th January 2007), we collected an interesting fern from dense forests. On critical examination this species turned out to be *Pteris tricolor*. After a detailed scrutiny of literature it was revealed that this species has never been collected from the state so far. The specimen (collection no: 40630) was later confirmed by Chris Fraser – Jenkins, Kathmandu. This is the first collection from Mizoram. The species grows as an understory in the undisturbed semi-evergreen forests among dense leaf litter. We could locate only a single clump on the forest floor. The forest was dominated by *Callophyllum polyanthum*, *Ostodes paniculata*, *Engelhardtia spicata*, *Diospyros toposia*, *Phoebe attenuata*, *Quercus polystachya*, *Cinnamomum bejolghota*.



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