## PLEASE CONTRIBUTE: IF YOU KNOW CREOLE NAMES





Pachystachys spicata

# IF YOU HAVE SEEN AN UNCOMMON SPECIES

Pachystachys spicata Unknown Creole name A recently introduced species, still known from 4 localities only

IF YOU HAVE PHOTO-GRAPHS OF PLANTS



### **WE OFFER:**

Help in identifying plants, finding their origin, uses, threats, etc.

Botanical field trips

Training and volunteering opportunities









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Baton monsenyer-d-gran-bwa
A newly discovered species of Angiopteris

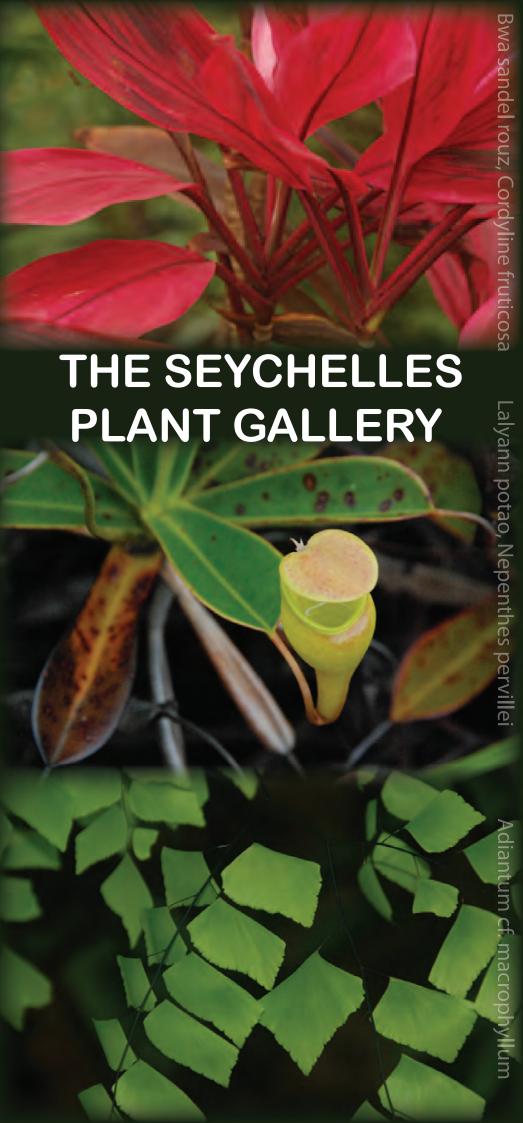
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#### THE PLANT GALLERY PROJECT:

The Natural History Museum and the Plant Conservation Action group (PCA) have initiated the "Seychelles Plant Gallery" project which is compiling historical and updated knowledge on the plants of Seychelles.

#### This includes contributions from:

- scientists
- literature
- local communities

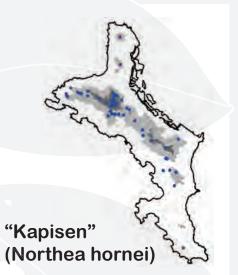


#### **DEVELOPING PLANT KNOWLEDGE:**

- compile all scientific names of plants and their corresponding Creole names: ca. 3800 names already
- determine how many species of plant we have: 1400-1700?
- identify newly introduced species and evaluate their spread.

develop and centralize knowledge on the species themselves, e.g. native, exotic, their distribution, habitat, etc.





#### TRAINING LOCAL BOTANISTS:

- plant identification techniques
- \* taxonomic revisions
- specimen collection and Herbarium management
- biodiversity assessments
- publication of discoveries





#### PROMOTING LOCAL KNOWLEDGE:

- the whole community can be involved: children to take pictures and prepare our future; adults and grandparents to contribute knowledge on uses, plant locations, etc.
- see "please contribute" section

#### SHARING PLANT KNOWLEDGE:

- develop an online photo catalogue
- complete the collection of reference specimens in the Museum



#### PROMOTING PLANT INTEREST:

- projects on plant diversity in Seychelles Schools
- exhibitions will be organized in the second half of 2012, at the Museum and in some districts



