

THE CURRENT STATUS AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS PTERIDOPHYTE FLORA

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ABSTRACT

The Falkland Islands are an archipelago of 782 islands situated in the South Atlantic Ocean. They have a relatively depauperate native flora of vascular plants comprised of 171 species, 18 of which are pteridophytes. The pteridophyte flora includes a further three non-native taxa. Current knowledge of all pteridophyte taxa occurring in the Falkland Islands is reviewed and the first detailed data on their distribution throughout the archipelago are presented.