

## **HENRY BRADBURY'S FIRST NATURE-PRINTS OF FERNS**

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### **ABSTRACT**

Although Henry Bradbury's Nature-Prints of ferns in Moore (1855/56) and Moore (1859/60) are well-known to pteridologists, his earlier prints, some of which are also of ferns, are rarely seen. Most of these were published (Bradbury, 1854) as sets of prints, mostly of flowering plants but also including five prints of ferns, issued unbound without text. Eleven sets have been located, mostly in institutional libraries. Together they include 39 different Nature-Prints but no set contains more than 33 prints and most sets differ in the number and choice of prints. To give a full description of this publication, it is necessary to describe all the available sets. Some sets include a title page, which was produced in two different versions. Four identical sets of 33 prints have a numbered list of plates. Nine of the examined sets were published by Bradbury & Evans in London; two appear to have been re-issued in 1867 by Baildon of Edinburgh. Also described is an unpublished fern Nature-Print, possibly pre-dating all the others.