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REVIEW

"*Index filicum. Supplementum quintum: pro annis 1961-1975*," by F. M. Jarrett, with collaborators. 1985. 245 pp. New York: Clarendon Press, Oxford University Press. ISBN 0-19-854579-7. \$39.95.

Students of ferns are familiar with the great value of this index, begun by that most illustrious of pteridologists, Carl Christensen, in 1905. It is the only comprehensive source for obtaining bibliographic citations (name and place of publication, plus basionym for new combinations and locality for new species) for all Latin names, generic rank and above. Thus, we are forever grateful to the compilers of this and all preceding volumes. A new and welcome feature of the fifth supplement is the inclusion of names of fern allies. Corrections from past indices are denoted by an asterisk. As helpful as this index will be, it will not satisfy all needs: continuing the tradition of past volumes, infraspecific names are not indexed. In evaluating genera with which I am most familiar, I found only a few minor errors and omissions (to whom should I send them?) that will no doubt be corrected in subsequent volumes. One parting lament—one wishes that this index were more current: in the last ten years, I extrapolate that enough new names have accumulated to fill about 165 pages of a new supplement!—

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