**Supplement Table 1** The eight fern species in dominant vascular epiphytes and their traits of rhizome or frond in the mountain moist forest in Ailao Mountain

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| Dominant species | Rhizome | Frond (dry season) | References |
| *Polypodiodes subamoena* | Long and creeping | Withered | [Xu & Liu 2005](#_ENREF_71);  [Ma 2009](#_ENREF_40);  eFlora of China;  Personal observation. |
| *Lepisorus scolopendrium* | Thick, long-creeping | Withered |
| *Araiostegia perdurans* | Long and creeping | Withered |
| *Polypodiastrum argutum* | Long and creeping | Withered |
| *Vittaria flexuosa* | Creeping (short) | Overwintering |
| *Oleandra wallichii* | Long and creeping | Withered |
| *Polypodiodes microrhizoma* | Long and creeping | Withered |
| *Arthromeris lehmanni* | Long and creeping | Withered |