VEGETATION OF KHAO YAI NATIONAL PARK

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Introduction: Khao Yai National Park is not very far from Phra Nakhon (Bangkok) and can be easily reached by motor car within 4 hours covering a distance of about 200 Km. Studies in the natural history of the Park have been currently taken e.g. butterflies (Reeves 1966 & 1967); birds (Dickinson 1963 & 1967); and orchids (Cumberliege & Cumberliege 1964), therefore an account of the vegetation is much needed.

The study of the vegetation of the Park started in January 1925, when the late Dr. A.F.G. Kerr made a short visit to Khao Laem (1238 m) via Ban Tachang. Since the promulgation of the National Park in 1965, extensive studies were currently carried out by the Royal Forest Department in co-operation of foreign botanists. In November 1962, Dr. R.G. Robbins accompanied by the author made a preliminary study on the Lower Montane or Hill Evergreen forest of Khao Khieo (1400 m). A brief description of the vegetation of the Park is also given by Cumberlege & Cumberlege (loc. cit.).

During the Second Forestry Conference, Phra Nakhon, 9th-17th September, 1968 a paper on the Vegetation of Khao Yai National Park (in Thai), was read by the author, it is therefore appropriate to render this paper into English to supplement another studies already taken and yet to be carried on in the future.

Geography: Khao Yai National Park is between 14°5-14°15 North Latitude and 101°5-101°50 East Longitude, covering 2085 sq.km, having a rough rectangular in outline and having its boundary as follows:— the North in Pak Chong, Nakhon Ratchasima, the East in Pak Chong, Nakhon Ratchasima and Kabin Buri in Prachin Buri along the Nakhon Ratchasima—Kabin Buri Highway, the South in Nakhon Nayok and the West in Kaeng Khoi, Saraburi.

The physiography of this National Park, except the low undulating land in the East, is mountainous varying from 250-1400 m from the sea level; this mountainous area is a part of the Phanom Dongrek Range, which is the source of the Lam Takhrong flowing eastwards and northwards then northeastwards beyond the boundary down to Pak Chong. It is also the source of the Nakhon Nayok River flowing southwards beyond the boundary at Nang Rong and Sarika Falls.

The mountainous area is composed of 3 high ridges, Khao Laem in the North-East, Khao Khieo in the South-East and Khao Sam Yot in the West, with highest peaks of about 1400, 1300 and 1200 respectively.

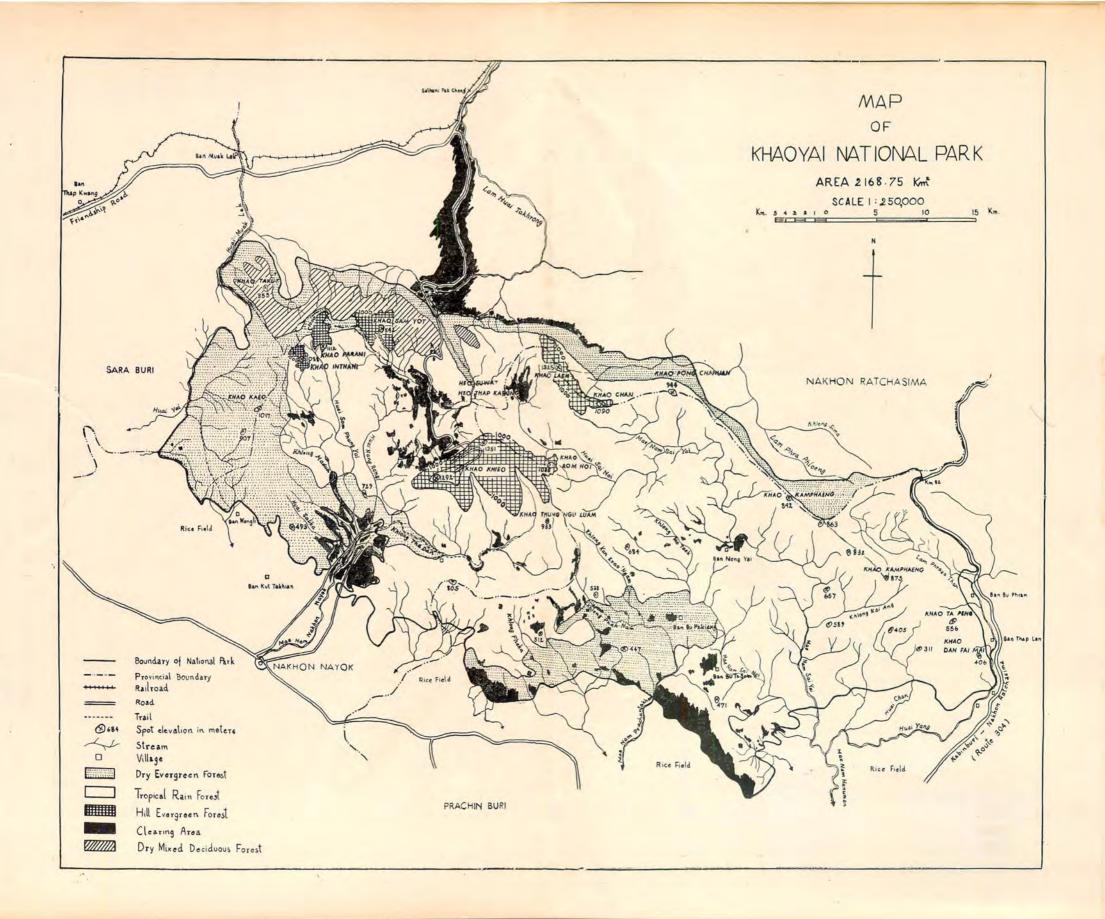
The northern and eastern sides are gradually sloping down towards the Mitraphap (Friendship) Highway between Pak Chong and Nakhon Ratchasima and towards the Nakhon Ratchasima-Kabin Buri Highway in Kabin Buri. The South and West slopes steeply drop into the agricultural area.

Climate: These steep slopes create a milder climate along the ridges as they get the full impact of the South-West monsoon causing heavy rainfall during July-October; besides during the month of November the Northeast monsoon is also prevailing.

The average rainfall is about 4000 mm, and it is expected to be heavier along the high ridges. The highest temperature is about 30°C during April-May and the lowest one is about 6°C during December-January.

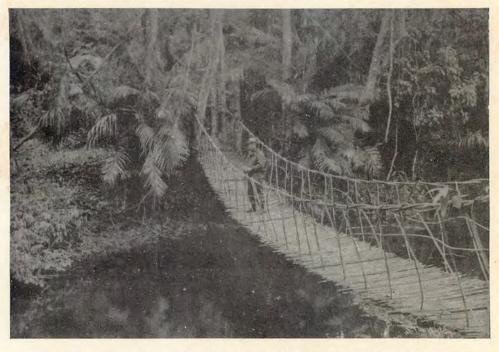
Geology: As the National Park is covering an extensive area, the geological aspect is much varied. Along the Phanom Dong Rek Range, the bed rocks are composed with Permian and Jurassic limestones of the Ratchaburi and Kamawkala series respectively, to be seen exposing along both sides of the Dhanarat Road, the upper rock material are composed of Jurassic sandstone of the Korat series with shale, schist and gneiss; conglomerate is found along the Lamtakhlong. Along the southern steep slopes the bed rocks are granitic and conglomerate, with the upper strata of Jurassic sandstone. The eastern portion in Kabin Buri has the Jurassic limestone of the Kamawkala series as bed rock topped with the Jurassic sandstone.

Vegetation: The vegetation of the National Park can be classified into 5 categories:

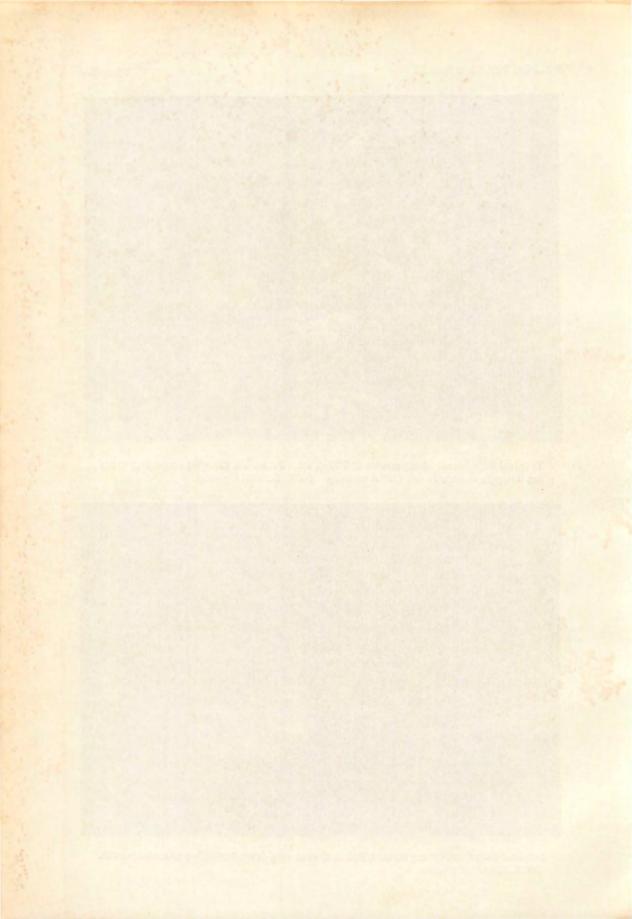




Tropical Rain forest along stream at 700 m alt. Palms are Daemonorops sp.; trees are Altingia siamensis and Lithocarpus sp. (W.R. SCHEIBLE photo).



Tropical Rain forest along stream, 700 m alt. showing dense formation of undergrowth. (W.R. SCHEIBLE photo).



- 1. Dry Mixed Deciduous forest. The vegetation of this type is occurring along the northern slope between 400-600 m elevation. Tree species in this type of forest are Afzelia xylocarpa, Pterocarpus macrocarpus, Lagerstroemia calyculata, Pterocymbium javanicum, Gmelina arborea, Adina cordifolia, Vitex pinnata, Xylia kerrii, Terminalia bellirica, Garuga pinnata, and Anogeissus acuminata; the ground flora is composed of Bambusa arundinacea and varieties of grasses. Within this forest limestone outcrops are not uncommon.
- 2. Dry Evergreen forest. This forest type occurs along the eastern border in Nakhon Ratchasima and Prachin Buri on the peneplain of 100-200 m elevation. The upper stories are composed of Dipterocarpus alatus, Vatica cinerea, Shorea sericeiflora, Hopea odorata, H. ferrea, Lagerstroemia calyculata, Tetrameles nudiflora, Lophopetalum wallichii, Afzelia xylocarpa, Pterocymbium javanicum, Parkia streptocarpa, Erythrophloem succirubrum and Carallia brachiata, together with under-storied species such as Hydnocarpus ilicifolius, Aglaia spp., Loniciera microstigma, Memecylon floribundum, etc. Besides Areca triandra, Corypha lecomtei is the more frequent species of palms. The ground flora is composed of members of Marantaceae (Phrynium and Cucurligo), and Zingiberaceae (Achasma, Curcuma, Amomum, Catymbium and Ctenelophon), together with Musa acuminata and Pandanus sp.

The forest shown in the profile diagram (Fig. 1) is not by far typical for a Dry Evergreen type. It has been through exploitations in past decades. Timber trees of more economic value, i.e. Dipterocarpus spp. and Anisoptera costata have been removed leaving large gaps in the crown canopy. The profile is showing a 3-storied facies with Pterocymbium javanicum and Hopea ferrea forming the top storey; the second storey is composing of Nephelium longanum, Linociera microstigma, Horsfieldia irya, and Diospyros sp., whereas the lowest storey is formed up by Hydnocarpus ilicifolius, Murraya paniculata and Vitex quinata.

In this case *Dipterocarpus* and *Anisoptera* seem to loose their chance of establishing, and give way to the better-regenerated *Hopea ferrea*. This will explain the almost pure stand of *H. ferrea*, often

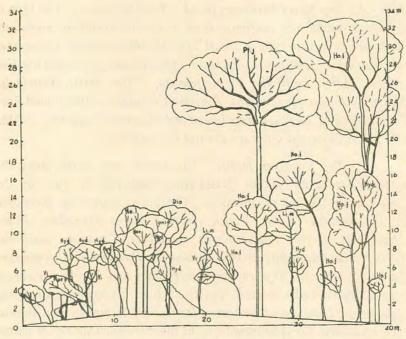
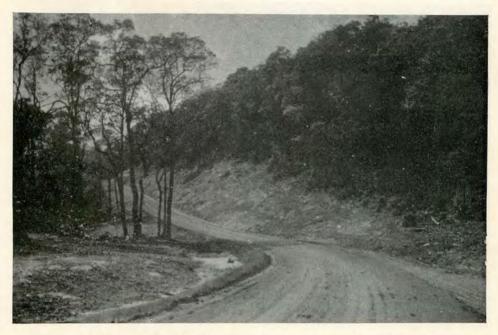


Fig. 1.

Profile diagram showing a Dry Evergreen forest at 380m alt. Ho. f.=Hopea ferrea; Pt. j.=Pterocymbium javanicum; Hyd.=Hydnocarpus ilicifolius; Li. m.=Linociera microstigma; Vi.=Vitex quinata; Dio.=Diospyros sp.; Ne. l.= Nephelium longanum; Mur. p.=Murrara paniculata; Unid.=Unidentified. (Drawn by Anan Nalampoon, 1965).

come across in this forest type, where the soil is generally shallow, being either lateritic or gravelly with broken shale. Hopea ferrea—Hydnocarpus ilicifolius—Vitex quinata associes seem to denote this natural phenomena. Consequently the height of the top storey is reduced (33-35 m) from the normal (40-45 m).

3. Tropical Rain forest. The forest of this type, being the majority, covers vast area of the Park from 400 to 1000 m elevation. In the lower elevation the vegetation is similar to the Dry Evergreen forest, only more members of the Dipterocarpaceae are being present namely, Dipterocarpus dyeri, D. baudii, D. gracilis and Anisoptera costata; Duabanga grandiflora and Anthocephalus cadamba are frequent along the valleys. Deciduous species such as Pterocymbium javanicum,



Forest on the slope of about 1200 m alt., oaks and podocarps formation. (Llewelyn WILLIAMS photo).



Forest near summit, 1300 m alt., oaks, podocarps and Dacrydium formation. Trees at left are Dacrydium elatum. (L. WILLIAMS photo).



Forest along slope on ridge near summit, 1300 m alt. Big tree at left of the man is Schima wallichii; straight-stemmed tree facing the same man is Podocarpus fleuryi; white-stemmed tree at far right is Castanopsis acuminatissima with Schima wallichii at its left. (L. WILLIAMS photo).



Forest on ridge, 1300 m alt. Schima-Castanopsis formation. (L. WILLIAMS photo).

Tetrameles nudiflora and Adina cordifolia are either very scattered or almost absent. The ground flora is similar to that of the Dry Evergreen forest, only much denser in nature. A large-clumped, long-culmed bamboo Dendrocalamus longispathus is forming thickets along streams.

The climbing screw-pine (Freycinetia sp.), a climbing fern (Stenochloena palustris) and a creeping aroid (Anadendron sp.) are characteristic to this type of forests, whereas Livistona cochinchinensis, Calamus sp. and Licuala sp. are among the frequent species of palms.

In the higher elevation Dipterocarpus baudii, D. dyeri, and Anisoptera costata are being absent, and replaced by Dipterocarpus costatus and D. macrocarpus; other tree species associating in the upper stories besides Shorea sericeiflora, are Altingia siamensis, Poupatria axillaris, Aromadendron spongocarpum, Calophyllum polyanthum, and Schima wallichii. A number of oaks and chestnuts, e.g. Lithocarpus annamensis, L. eucalyptifolius, L. rodgerianus, Quercus fleuryi, Q. myrsinaefolia and Castanopsis acuminatissima are forming the under-storied stand together with Palaquium koratense, Linociera thorelii and Ligustrum confusum. The shrubby species are as follows: Embelia ribes, Maesa ramentacea, Viburnum punctuatum, Sambucus javanicus, Loniciera bournei, Uncaria homomalla, Mussaenda sanderiana, Canthium brunnescens, Prismatomeris tetrandra, Psychotria adenophylla, Entada phaseoloides, Rubus cochinchinensis, Itea riparia, Aralia armata, and Tupidianthus calyptratus.

A gracefully close-clumped, small-culmed bamboo belonging to the genus *Schizostachyum* is found scatteringly along the valleys.

Along the stream banks tree ferns, i.e. Cyathea borneensis, C. latebrosa and C. podophylla are frequent together with Cibotium barometz, Gleichenia norrisii, and Dicranopteris curranii, the latter two having a gracefully straggling habit. On rocks in rapids moss-liked members of the family Podostemonaceae are found, i.e.:— Cladopus nymanii, and Polypleurella micrantha for instant.

Among ephiphytes, Drynaria rigidula, Photinopteris speciosa, Platycerium wallichii and Pseudodrynaria coronans are the most common ferns, whereas Aerides falcatum, Agrostophyllum longifolium, Bulbophyl-

lum macranthum, B. blepharistes, Cymbidium simulans and Pholidota pallida are the most common orchids. Filmy ferns belonging to the genera Hymenophyllum and Trichomanes are growing among mosses on tree trunks. Epiphyllous hepatics are also frequent on leaves along the streams and valleys, among these the genus Calolejeunea is more evident.

The profile diagram! (Fig. 2) does not represent a typical Tropical Rain forest type. The site has previously been exploited, and economic species (*Dipteracarpus*, *Shorea*, *Hopea*) have been removed leaving open gaps in the crown canopy. The forest still has the 3-storied facies with *Pterocymbium javanicum* in the top story; *Dipterocarpus* spp. as second story; *Knema conferta*, *Syzygium* sp. and *Erythrina* sp. forming the lowest story.

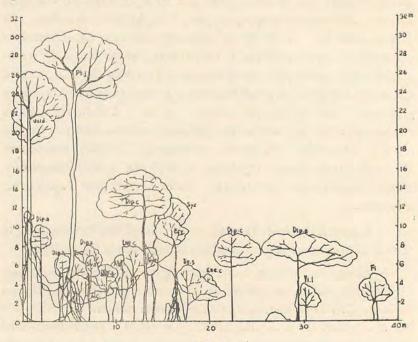


Fig. 2.

Profile diagram showing a Tropical Raim forest, at alt. 700m Pt.j.=Pterocymbium javanicum; Dip. c.=Dipterocarpus costatus; Dip. a.=Dipterocarpus alatus; H.fa.=Hopea ferrea; Syz.=Syzygium sp.; Exc.=Excoecaria sp.,; Alc.=Alchornea sp.; Kne. c.=Knema conferta; Eu. s.=Eugenia siamensis; Ery.=Erythrina sp. Vi. l.=Vitex limonifolia; Fi.=Ficus sp.; Unid.=Unidentified. (Drawn by Anan Nalampoon, 1965).

In the long run Dipterocarpus spp. will grow up beyond Pterocymbium javanicum, becoming the top-storied species and leaving the latter and other species (unidentified) in the second story. Comparing to the Dry Evergreen forest (Fig. 1), at a higher elevation (700 m) Dipterocarpus spp. seem to have a better chance to establish. This probably due to the nature of soil and the amount of precipitation.

4. Hill Evergreen forest. From the altitude of 1000 m upwards the change in the forest is markedly denoted. Members of the Dipterocarpaceae stop at this elevation and are replaced by those of gymnosperms, namely Podocarpus neriifolius, P. imbricatus and P. fleuryi with Dacrydium elatum and the same species of oaks and chestnuts occurring in the Tropical Rain forest of the higher elevation, except Lithocarpus annamensis, and Quercus myrsinaefolius which seem to confine to the 600-900 m altitude. Betula alnoides is scattered along ridges.

The forest is rather dense, and, besides the upper-storied tree species mentioned above, the following under-storied species: Olea maritima, Litsea multiumbellata, Vaccinium sprengelii, Rhus succedanea, Adina polycephaloides and Syzygium sp. are being observed. The ground flora is composed of shrubby species, e.g. Melastoma malabathricum, Evodia gracilis, Combretum quadratum, Brassaiopsis speciosa, Macropanax oreophilum, Rhamnus cambodianus, Psychotria symplocifolia, Saprosma latifolium, Senecio walkeri, Lonicera bournei, Embelia kerrii, and Ardisia eglandulosa, together with a number of terrestrial ferns and orchids. Along the flat-topped ridge, a small, wet, open spot with sand-stoned hard pan occurs, and is well covered with Sphagnum and other mosses together with herbaceous species, such as, Burmannia disticha, Osbeckia chinensis, Xyris sp., Oldenlandia sp., Fimbristylis trichoides, Murdania spp., and Lycopodium cernuum.

Epiphytic species are abundantly covering trunks and branches of trees. They are composed of Agapetes bracteata, a podagric species, and a number of orchids, (Ione, Bulbophyllum, Thelasis, Eria; Dendrobium, Porpax, Otochilus, Oberonia and Pholidota) ferns (Hymenophyllum, Trichomanes, Davallia, Polypodium, Vittaria and Pyrrosia) mosses and hepatics.

The profile diagram (Fig. 3) shows the vegetal formation of a Hill Evergreen or Lower Montane forest type on ridges. The upper layer is being formed up by Anneslea fragrans, Podocarpus imbricatus, Rhus succedanea, Premna sp., and Eugenia sp., while the second layer is represented by Olea maritima and Canthium sp. with a number of shrubby species (Vaccinium sprengelii and Litsea multiumbellata).

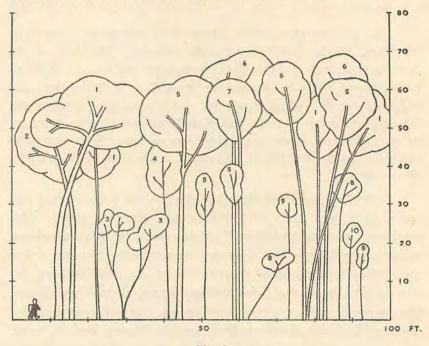


Fig. 3.

Profile diagramm showing the Hill Evergreen or Lower Montane forest on Khao Khieo ridge ca 1300m alt. 1. Anneslea fragrans; 2. Premna sp.; 3. Vaccinium sprengelii; 4. Canthium sp.; 5. Eugenia sp.; 6. Podocarpus imbricatus; 7. Rhus succedanea; 8. Olea maritima; 9. Lauraceae; 10. Litsea multiumbellata. (Drawn by R.G. ROBBINS xi. 62.).

If Olea maritima is to be classified as a shrubby tree, and Canthium sp. as a member of the top layer, evidently shown by its emerging crown; the profile itself will represent the low gymnosperm mixed forest on dry poor ranges approaching a single layer montane type.

5. Grassland and Secondary Growth. The grassland and secondary growth are the recent effect of Man. The former is due to the shifting cultivation in the past 40 years, while the latter is the effect

of the road construction and the effective fire control of the grassland after the enactment of the National Park.

In the grassland the main species is Imperata cylindrica with a number of tall grasses, i.e. Neyraudia reynaudiana, Themeda arundinacea, Saccharum spontaneum and Thysanolaena maxima, sparsingly grow together. Among grasses the following ferns, Pteridium aquilinum, Dicranopteris linearis, Ophioglossum spp., Cheilanthes tenuifolia, Selaginella spp., and Helminthostachys zeylanica are frequent. Owing to the effective fire control seedlings and sapplings of pioneer species are settling in such as, Macaranga sp., Mallotus cochinchinensis, Poupatria axillaris, Duabanga grandiflora, Anthocephalus cadamba, Melia azedarach, and Glochidion sp.

It is to be expected that in the future the well-protected grassland will eventually become a forest of the secondary type.

The secondary growth in the lower elevation (400-1000 m) is found on both sides of roads, and composing of pioneer species mentioned above with the addition of Hibiscus macrophyllus. In the higher elevation (1000-1300 m) the speciation is markedly different, only few pioneer species found, namely Betula alnoides and Mallotus sp. A bamboo belonging to the genus Schizostachyum is quickly forming a luxuriant growth along the edges of the forest together with the fern Histiopteris excisa. Seedlings of Podocarpus imbricatus and Dacrydium elatum are sparsely found within the new clearings.

It is very interesting to see *Betula alnoides* establishing on barren, steep side-cuts of the road; some sapplings are 4-5 m high. As the road in the higher elevation was begun sometimes in 1962, the rate of growth of this pioneer species is therefore rather high.

Conclusion: As having previously stated that plant collection of the Park is far from completion, and thus the knowledge of its flora is still not adequate to draw any conclusion on the plant distribution. The distribution of certain species of the higher elevation shown in Table 1 will give some idea for further study.

TABLE 1
Distribution of species of higher elevation

Species	Thailand	Indo-Burmese (Himalayan)	Indo-Chinese (Annamatic)	Malesian	Remarks
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Camellia confusa	X	X	x	1000	
Eurya japonica var. nitida	X		X	-	
Sladenia celastrifolia Ternstroemia japonica	X	X X	X		
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Dipterocarpus gracilis	X	X		X —	
D. costatus D. macrocarbus	X	X	X	X	
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Shorea sericeiflora	Λ	A	Second Comment	X	
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Hibiscus macrophyllus	X	X	X	X	
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Rosaceae	VI PERSON				
Rubus cochinchinensis	X	X	x		
Pyrus crenulata	X	_	_		Also found
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Rhodamnia siamensis	X	101022 011	X	110000	

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Melastomaceae					
Osbeckia chinensis	X	X	X	X	
Medinilla caerulescens	X	-	X	-	
Passifloraceae					
Passiflora leschenaultii	X	X	-	-	
Umbelliferae					
Oenanthe benghalensis	x	X	Х	-	
Araliaceae					
Brassaiopsis speciosa	X	X	_	X	
Macropanax oreophilum	X	X	X	X	
Caprifoliaceae					
Viburnum punctatum	X	X	X	_	
Sambucus javanica	X	X	X	X	
Lonicera bournei var. obscura	X	X	-	-	
Rubiaceae					
Adina polycephaloides	X	X	-	_	
Hedyotis cystoides	X	_	_	_	
Mussaenda sanderiana	X	X	-	-	
Psychotria serpens	X	X	X	_	
P. symplocifolia	X	X	_	_	
Saprosma latifolium	X	-	-	-	Also found at Nakhon Sawa
Compositae					
Vernonia craibiana	x	-	-	-	Endemictoth
Microglossa volubilis	X	X	X	x	Park
Blumea semivestita	X	X	X	_	
Senecis walkeri	X	- X	X	X	
Vacciniaceae					
Agapetes bracteata	X	X	X	-	
Myrsinaceae		2.			
Embelia kerrii	X	-	-	-	Endemic to th Park
E. pulchella	X	X	х		I uik

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Ardisia eglandulosa	х	-	-		Aslo occurs in Nakhon Si Thammarat
Sapotaceae					
Palaquium koratense	X	_	_	-	Endemic to the Park
Oleaceae					
Jasminum subtriplinerve	X	X	X	_	
Ligustrum confusum	X	X	X	х	
Lentibulariaceae					
Utricularia subulata	X	-	_	x	
Acanthaceae					
Acanthus leucostachys	X	X	X	_	
Rhaphidospora lanceolata	X	-	-	-	Endemictothe Park
Staurogyne rosulata	x	_	_	-	Endemictothe
Tetraglochin maingayi var. paucinervium	x	_	-	_	Park
Fagaceae					
Quercus fleuryi	X	_	X	_	
Q. myrsinaefolia	X	-	X	_	
Lithocarpus annamensis	X	-	X	-	
L. eucalyptifolius	X	-	X	_	
L. rodgerianus	X	X	-		
Betulaceae					
Betula alnoides	X	X	X	-	
Araceae					
Rhaphidophora hongkongensis	X	_	X	-	
Homalomena occulta Alocasia grata	X X	X X	_ X	_	
Zingiberaceae					
Caulokaempferia saxicola	X	-	-	_	Endemictothe Park

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Marantaceae					
Stachyphrynium tetranthum	X	-	_		Endemic to the Park
Thismiaceae					
Thismia mirabilis	X	-	-	-	Endemic to the Park
Liliaceae					100
Neolour ya thailandica	X	-	-	-	Endemictothe Park
Peliosanthes camberledgei	х	-	-	-	Endemic to the Park
Orchidaceae					
Habenaria garrettii	X	X	-	_	
Tainia latifolia	X	X	_	-	
T. wrayana	X	X	_	X	
Nephelaphyllum latilabre	X	_	_	x	
Chrysoglossum ornatum	x		_	X	
C. robinsonii	X	-	_	-	Endemic to the
Pholidota recurva	X	X	_	_	Park
Oberonia caudata	X	X			
O. pendula	X			x	
Nervilia cumberlegei	X	-	_	_	Endemic to the
Dendrobium heterocarpum	x	X	X	_	EV DY
D. crystallinum	X	X	_	_	
D. scabrilingue	X	X	_	_	
D. bicameratum	X	X	_	-	
D. acinaciforme	X	X	X	-	
D. anceps	X	_	-	X	
Eria microphylla	X	_	_	X	
E. stricta Acanthephippium parviflorum	X	X	_	- v	
Bulbophyllum abbrevilabium	X	x		X	
B. suavissimum	X	X	_	_	
Pteroceras suaveolens	X			X	
P. appendiculatum	X		-	X	
Sarcanthus birmanicus	X	х		_	
Malleola dentifera	X		_	X	

Species	Thailand	Indo-Burmese (Himalayan)	Indo-Chinese (Annamatic)	Malesian	Remarks
Cyperaceae					
Fimbristylis trichoides	х	-	-	-	Endemic to the
Carex indica	X	X	X	X	
C. baccans	X	X	X	X	
C. lageniformis	X	_	X		
Scleria terrestris	X	X	X	X	
Hypolytrum nemorum	X	X	X	X	
Lipocarpha chinensis	X	X	X	X	
Rhynchospora corymbosum	X	X	X	X	
Scirpus wichurae	X	X	X	X	
Lycopodiaceae					
Lycopodium hamiltanii	X	X	X	-	
Selaginellaceae					1
Selaginella siamensis	X	-	. X	-	
Gleicheniaceae					
Gleichenia norrisii	X	-	-	X	
Dicranopteris curranii	X	-	-	X	
Hymenophyllaceae		-			
Hymenophyllum exertum	X	X	X	X	
H. polyanthes	X	X	X	X	
Trichomanes bipunctatum	X	X	X	X	
T. obscurum	X	_	X	X	
Polypodiaceae					
Belvisia annamensis	X	_	X	_	
Pyrrosia eberhardtii	X	-	X	_	
Polypodium subauriculatum	X	X	X	X	
Photinopteris speciosa	X .		X	X	
Grammitidaceae					
Ctenopteris khasyana	X	X	X	-	
Grammitis dorsipila	X	_	X	-	
Dennstaedtiaceae		× 3			
Microlepia herbacea	X		X	_	
Lindsaya lucida	X	_	X	X	
Diacalpe aspidioides	X	X	X	X	
Davallia divaricata	X	_	X	X	

Species	Thailand	Indo-Burmese (Himalayan)	Indo-Chinese (Annamatic)	Malesian	Remarks
Dryopteris integrifolia	x		x	_	
D. neoassamensis	X	_	X	_	
D. subtriangularis	X	X	X	_	
Hemigramma decurrens	X	_	X	_	
Histiopteris incisa	X	X	X	X	
Oleandra musifolia	X	X	X	_	
Polystichum biaristatum	X	X	X	-	
Adiantaceae Vittaria flexuosa	X	X	X	X	
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Sphagnaceae		5	1.4		
Sphagnum cuspidatulum	X	X	X	X	
Sph. cuspidatum	X	-	X	X	
Sph. erythrocalyx	X	_	X	X	

Of all 125 species listed in the table, 16 are endemic, 17 Himalayan, 14 Annamatic, and 12 Malayan elements. Among endemic species, 15 species are so far only known from the Park, but future investigations will proove that these may occur elsewhere, even outside Thailand. Twenty-two species seem to have their distribution range in West-East direction, where 5 species on Northwest-South, and 5 on the Northeast-South directions. The very wide-spread species are 24 in number with the majorities belonging to the *Compositae*, ferns, and *Sphagnum* mosses.

From this account the Park seems to be a meeting place, as well as a cross-road of species belonging to the three floristic elements.

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