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Book on "*Pteridophyte Flora of the Western Ghats, south India*" by Manickam , V. S. & Irudayaraj, V. 1992. Has been included as reference book in curriculum for M.Sc Botany in Madras Christian College, Thiruvalluvar University, and Lumpung University, Indonesia. The book on *Pteridophyte Flora of the Nilgiris* is in the list of Best Book.com.