

Key to the species of *Megalastrum* in Africa, Madagascar, Comoros, La Réunion, and Mauritius.

- 1a. Rhizome scales golden brown, denticulate; laminae tripinnate-pinnatifid or more at the base; indusia large, conspicuous and persistent; bullate scales sparse to abundant on costules and smaller axes abaxially 3. *M. lanuginosum*
- 1b. Rhizome scales dark brown, subentire; laminae bipinnate-pinnatisect or less at base; indusia persistent or absent; bullate scales absent on costules and lesser axes
 - 2a. Laminar surfaces between veins glabrous on both surfaces; indusia persistent; hairs of the pinna-rachises 0.2–0.5 mm long on the abaxial surfaces, 0.8–1.2 mm long on the adaxial surfaces; hairs of the abaxial surfaces of costules 0.1–0.4 mm long
..... 1. *M. canacae*
 - 2b. Laminar surfaces between veins pubescent on both surfaces; indusia absent (rarely present and if so, fugacious); hairs of the pinna-rachises 0.5–1.2 mm long on the abaxial surfaces, 1.2–1.7 mm long on the adaxial surfaces; hairs of the abaxial surfaces of costules 0.3–0.6 mm long 2. *M. lanatum*