

Cyathea species in Africa become Alsophila species.

Cyathea is an American genus of about 110 species.

Alsophila is a pantropic genus of about 230 species, poorly represented in America by 12 species, well represented in Africa-Madagascar by about 62 species ...

The discussion of the distinctive characters of these genera can be found in the revision of the family Cyatheaceae by B. Tryon.

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Tryon B. (1970) The classification of the Cyatheaceae. *Contributions from the Gray Herbarium of Harvard University* 200 : 3- 53