



Sample Abstract

Blechnum obtusum, a new species from western Venezuela

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Moran, R. C. (The New York Botanical Garden, Bronx, New York, 10458-5126, U.S.A.; e-mail: rmoran@nybg.org) & A. R. Smith (University Herbarium, Univ. of California, 1001 Valley Life Science Building, Berkeley, California 94720-2465, U.S.A.; e-mail: arsmith@berkeley.edu). *Blechnum obtusum*, a new species from western Venezuela. ***Blechnum obtusum*** is described and illustrated as a new species. It grows in páramos of western Venezuela and most resembles *B. werffii* of Costa Rica and Panama.

Key words: Blechnaceae, *Blechnum*, fern, monilophyte, páramos.