Ophioderma pendulum (L.) C. Presl subsp. pendulum

Family
Ophioglossaceae

Hawaiian Name
laukahi, puapua moa

Synonyms
Ophioglossum pendulum L.

Habitat
epiphytic, rarely terrestrial.

Description
Rhizomes (stems): erect.

Fronds (leaves): arching or drooping, 40-180 cm long.

Stipes (petioles): 1/30 frond length or absent.

Blades: simple, linear, twisted/ribbon-like, occasionally forking, margins entire, may be undulate, dimorphic with fertile (sporophores) and sterile (trophophores), membranous, glabrous.

Veins: prominent, reticulate (anastomosed throughout), without included veinlets.

Rachises (midribs): glabrous.

Sori: sporangia arranged on pendent spikes (sporophores).

Island Distribution
O'ahu, Moloka'i, Maui, and Hawai'i

Status
Indigenous

Occurrence
Rare/uncommon

Elevational Range
near sea-level to 760 m