Huperzia niligarica (Spring) R.D.Dixit

Epiphytic lycophyte. Shoots that are generally pendent and round in cross section. Horizontal stems are absent. The leaves are not borne in distinct ranks, and are usually somewhat lanceolate in shape. The sporangia are kidneyshaped (reniform), occurring at the base of a leaf that is either unmodified or reduced. The roots are produced near the apex of shoots. The unbranched gametophytes are not photosynthetic, but rather subterranean and mycorrhizal.

This is an uncommon species and one of the South Indian endemics.



Native to SW. India, Sri Lanka.



