

The major components of the white exudates of farina from the abaxial side of the fronds of *Cheilanthes argantea* are the diterpenoid acids *ent*-8(17),*E*-13-labadien-1 oic acid and its 3*R*-hydroxy derivative (Wollenweber *et al.*, 1982). A kaurane diterpene identified as *ent*-kaura-16-en-19-oic acid was isolated from the viscid exudates found on fronds of the fern *Cheilanthes kaulfussi* (Wollenweber *et al.*, 1989). Two sesterterpenes *viz.* cheilanthatriol (**42**) (Khan *et al.*, 1971) and cheilarinosin (Iyer *et al.*, 1972) were obtained from *Cheilanthes farinosa*. Fern-9(11)-en-3-one was isolated from *Cheilanthes longissima* (Sunder *et al.*, 1976). Three triterpenes *viz.* 6 β ,22-dihydroxyhopane (**43**), fernenol and diplopterol (**44**) in addition to β -sitosterol-*O*- β -D-glucoside were isolated from *Cheilanthes marantae* (Gonzalez *et al.*, 1976).

