

LIST OF VASCULAR PLANTS IN THE JACOBSON QE2 COVENANT OFF MOONSHINE ROAD

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* indicates a species seen on the Wellington Botsoc trip 5/10/96 but not sighted on the current survey

There is a report on this covenant prepared by Ian Atkinson so these notes are merely an adjunct to that report.

There is another large northern rata (*Metrosideros robusta*) in the north eastern wing of the bush in addition to the one mentioned in the report. The groundcover is now more extensive in species number and density than when the original report was done. Under the kanuka the hook sedges *Uncinia banksii* and *U. uncinata* are both common with small patches of the ground orchids *Pterostylis alobula* and *Acianthus sinclairii* locally common. The native iris *Libertia ixoides* is also locally common in the zone where the kanuka merges with the tawa forest. In this transition zone *Asplenium oblongifolium* is commonly found.

Significant podocarp regeneration is obvious on the ridge north of the water tanks with totara (*Podocarpus totara*) and rimu (*Dacrydium cupressinum*) trees of varying sizes and less commonly matai (*Prumnopitys taxifolia*) and miro (*Prumnopitys ferruginea*). Kahikatea (*Dacrycarpus dacrydioides*) is less often seen and scattered small plants are restricted to the more moisture retentive area in the gully heads. Nikau seedlings are also found occasionally in the same area.

Plants of note seen on this survey are listed below.

Bulbophyllum pygmaeum. This small orchid is not often seen unless on windfall branches but in this case it was growing around the base of a black maire (*Nestegis lanceolata*).

Blechnum vulcanicum. This fern is a local around most of Wellington and is usually found on warm to very dry clay banks and rock faces.

Mida salicifolia. This small tree which is locally common north of Wellington is common here under the tall kanuka. There is to be found under the tawa/podocarp forest as well. A lot of the plants have suffered leader damage from cicada attack.

There does not appear to be a major weed problem at the moment but there are a few patches of banana passionfruit (*Passiflora mollissima*) that should be eradicated as soon as possible. Another problem climber, Japanese honeysuckle (*Lonicera japonica*) is present at the mouth of the main gully just before the start of the nikau (*Rhopalostylis sapida*) grove on the true left. Broom (*Cytisus scoparium*) and Himalayan honeysuckle (*Leycesteria formosa*) are present up by the gate at the top of the ridge track from the water tanks).

The gullies in this area are deeply incised and steep sided making for difficult and slow going at times. This survey was reasonably thorough for the area of kanuka scrub but the tawa forest and the bush on the higher slopes needs a more thorough survey. A couple of visits are required during the spring and summer to find what additional orchid species are present and to positively identify the gastrodia, thelymitra and microtis species.

Gymnosperm trees and shrubs

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| <i>Dacrycarpus dacrydioides</i> | kahikatea |
| <i>Dacrydium cupressinum</i> | rimu |
| <i>Podocarpus totara</i> | totara |
| <i>Prumnopitys ferruginea</i> | miro |
| <i>Prumnopitys taxifolia</i> | matai |

Dicotyledonous trees and shrubs

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| <i>Alectryon excelsus</i> subsp. <i>excelsus</i> | titoki |
| <i>Beilschmiedia tawa</i> | tawa |
| <i>Brachyglottis repanda</i> | rangiora |
| <i>Carpodetus serratus</i> | putaputaweta, marbleleaf |
| <i>Coprosma areolata</i> | |
| <i>Coprosma crassifolia</i> | raurekau |
| <i>Coprosma grandifolia</i> | |
| <i>Coprosma lucida</i> | |
| <i>Coprosma propinqua</i> subsp. <i>propinqua</i> | |
| <i>Coprosma rhamnoides</i> | karamu |
| <i>Coprosma robusta</i> | |
| <i>Coprosma robusta</i> x <i>C. propinqua</i> (unc) | |
| <i>Dysoxylum spectabile</i> | kohekohe |
| <i>Elaeocarpus dentatus</i> | hinau |
| <i>Fuchsia excorticata</i> (unc) | kotukutuku |
| <i>Geniostoma rupestre</i> var. <i>rupestre</i> | hangehange |
| <i>Griselinia lucida</i> | puka, broadleaf |
| <i>Hedycarya arborea</i> | porokaiwhiri, |
| pigeonwood | |
| <i>Knightia excelsa</i> | rewarewa |
| <i>Kunzea ericoides</i> | kanuka |
| <i>Laurelia novae-zelandiae</i> | pukatea |
| <i>Leptospermum scoparium</i> | manuka |
| <i>Leucopogon fasciculatus</i> | mingimingi |
| <i>Lophomyrtus bullata</i> | ramarama |
| <i>Macropiper excelsum</i> subsp. <i>excelsum</i> | kawakawa |
| <i>Melicope simplex</i> | poatanihwa |
| <i>Melicytus ramiflorus</i> | mahoe |
| <i>Metrosideros robusta</i> | northern rata |
| <i>Mida salicifolia</i> | willow leaved maire |
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| * <i>Myoporum laetum</i> | ngao |
| <i>Myrsine australis</i> | red matipo |
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| * <i>Nestegis cunninghamii</i> | black maire |
| <i>Nestegis lanceolata</i> | white maire |
| <i>Olearia rani</i> | |
| <i>Olearia solandri</i> | |
| <i>Ozothamnus leptophylla</i> | tauhinu |
| <i>Pennantia corymbosa</i> | kaikomako |
| <i>Pittosporum eugenoides</i> (unc) | tarata, lemonwood |
| <i>Pittosporum tenuifolium</i> | kokohu |
| <i>Pseudopanax arboreus</i> | five finger |
| <i>Pseudopanax crassifolius</i> | horoeka, lancewood |
| <i>Schefflera digitata</i> | pate |
| <i>Solanum</i> sp. (unc) | poroporo |
| <i>Streblus heterophyllus</i> (unc) | turepo, milk tree |
| <i>Weinmannia racemosa</i> | kamahi |

Monocotyledonous trees and shrubs

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| <i>Rhopalostylis sapida</i> | nikau |
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Monocotyledonous lianes

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| <i>Freyinetia banksii</i> | kiekie |
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Ripogonum scandens

supplejack

Dicotyledonous lianes and related trailing plants

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| * <i>Clematis forsteri</i> | |
| <i>Clematis paniculata</i> | puawhananga |
| <i>Metrosideros diffusa</i> | akatea |
| <i>Metrosideros fulgens</i> | |
| <i>Metrosideros perforata</i> | akatea |
| <i>Muehlenbeckia australis</i> | pohuehue |
| <i>Parsonsia heterophylla</i> | kaihua, N.Z. jasmine |
| <i>Passiflora tetrandra</i> | passion vine |
| <i>Rubus cissoides</i> | tataramoa, bush lawyer |

Ferns

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| <i>Adiantum cunninghamii</i> | maidenhair fern |
| <i>Asplenium bulbiferum</i> | manamana, hen and chicken fern |
| <i>Asplenium flabellifolium</i> | necklace fern |
| <i>Asplenium flaccidum</i> | hanging spleenwort |
| <i>Asplenium gracillimum</i> | |
| <i>Asplenium hookerianum</i> | |
| <i>Asplenium oblongifolium</i> | huruhuruwhenua, shining spleenwort |
| <i>Asplenium polyodon</i> | petako, sickle spleenwort |
| <i>Asplenium bulbiferum x A. flaccidum</i> (unc) | |
| <i>Blechnum chambersii</i> | nini |
| <i>Blechnum discolor</i> | crown fern |
| <i>Blechnum filiforme</i> | thread fern |
| <i>Blechnum fluviatile</i> | kiwakiwa |
| <i>Blechnum membranaceum</i> | |
| <i>Blechnum novae zelandiae</i> | kio kio |
| <i>Blechnum novae zelandiae</i> (B. minus of N.Z. authors) | kio kio |
| <i>Blechnum vulcanicum</i> (unc) | |
| <i>Cyathea dealbata</i> | ponga, silver fern |
| <i>Cyathea medullaris</i> | mamaku |
| <i>Dicksonia squarrosa</i> | wheki |
| <i>Histiopteris incisa</i> | maataa, water bracken |
| <i>Hymenophyllum demissum</i> | |
| <i>Hymenophyllum revolutum</i> (unc) | |
| <i>Hymenophyllum sanguinolentum</i> (unc) | |
| <i>Hypolepis ambigua</i> | |
| <i>Lastreopsis glabella</i> | |
| <i>Lastreopsis hispida</i> | |
| <i>Lastreopsis microsora</i> | |
| <i>Leptopteris hymenophylloides</i> | single crepe |
| <i>Lindsaea trichomanoides</i> (unc) | |
| <i>Microsorum pustulatum</i> | kowaowao, hounds tongue |
| <i>Microsorum scandens</i> | mokimoki, scented fern |
| <i>Paesia scaberula</i> | matata, scented fern |
| <i>Pellaea rotundifolia</i> | tarawera, button fern |
| <i>Polystichum richardii</i> | pikopiko |
| <i>Polystichum vestitum</i> (unc) | |
| <i>Pneumatopteris pennigera</i> | pakauroharoha, gully fern |
| <i>Pteridium esculentum</i> | rauaruhe, bracken |
| <i>Pteris macilenta</i> (unc) | sweet fern |
| <i>Pteris tremula</i> | turawera, shaking brake |
| <i>Pyrrosia eleagnifolia</i> | ota, leather-leaf fern |
| <i>Rumohra adiantiformis</i> | |
| * <i>Tricomanes endlicherianum</i> | |

Orchids

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| <i>Acianthus sinclairii</i> | |
| <i>Bulbophyllum pygmaeum</i> (unc) on white maire | |
| <i>Earina autumnalis</i> (unc) | |
| <i>Earina mucronata</i> (unc) | peka a waka |
| <i>Gastrodia</i> sp. (per. comm. Mike Jacobson) | |

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| Pterostylis alobula | |
| * Pterostylis banksii | tutukiwi |
| * Pterostylis sp. | |

Grasses

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| Microlaena avenacea | bush rice grass |
| Microlaena stipoides | |
| Rytidosperma gracile | |
| Rytidosperma unarede | |

Sedges

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| Carex dissita | |
| Carex virgata (unc) | |
| Eleocharis acuta | |
| Gahnia pauciflora | |
| Isolepis prolifer | |
| Isolepis reticularis | |
| Schoenus maschalinus | |
| Uncinia banksii | |
| Uncinia rupestris (unc) | |
| Uncinia uncinata | watu, hook grass |

Rushes and allied plants

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| Juncus gregiflorus | |
| Juncus planifolius | |
| Juncus sarophorus | |
| Luzula picta var picta | |

Remaining Monocotyledonous plants

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| * Astelia solandri | |
| Collospermum hastatum | |
| Dianella nigra | |
| * Libertia grandifolia | |
| Libertia ixioiodes | |

Daisy-like herbs (Composites)

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| Euchiton audax (unc) | |
| Euchiton gymnocephalus | |
| Senecio hispidulus | |
| Senecio minimus | |

Dicotyledonous herbs other than Composites

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| Acaena anserinifolia | bidibidi |
| Cardamine sp. (C. debilis agg.) ("Narrow Petal" of Pritchard 1957) | |
| Centella uniflora | |
| * Hydrocotyle heteromeria | waxweed |
| Hydrocotyle moschata | |
| Leptostigma setulosa | |
| Oxalis exilis | yellow oxalis |
| Ranunculus reflexus | |
| Solanum americanum | |
| Stellaria decipiens | chickweed |

Birds:

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| Blackbird | |
| Eastern rosella | |
| Fantail | |
| Grey warbler | |
| Kingfisher | |
| Native pigeon | |
| Starling | |
| Tui | |
| Waxeye | |

