

MARINGIAWAI STREAM BUSH (2201A)

Topomap T27 & T28 320065 Alt 180-260m

Indigenous Vascular Plants

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unc = uncommon

Site description:

This site is in the Maungaraki range on Maori land leased by the McGregor family. It is on the true right of the Maringiwai stream in a steep sided valley that trends NW/SE. In the lower reaches the stream has cut deeply into the bedrock forming a number of waterfalls and deep pools. Further upstream the valley broadens a little with a flat valley floor. There is a swampy area on the flats downstream from the main bush area, and a small bush patch above it, that have been included in the survey. The bush is mainly on the true right of the stream and hence has a more shaded southerly aspect especially near the valley floor. The area is grazed by cattle with the consequent lack of herbs, ferns, sedges and grasses and tracking throughout

The bush remnant covers an area of approximately 15 hectares. Approaching from the west a narrow strip of bush grows along the stream where fencing to keep the cattle out of the deep streambed has afforded protection. This then broadens into tall kanuka (*Kunzea ericoides*), which continues in a broad belt up and around the hill to the head of the remnant. This is probably induced by the amount of sun that reaches this area with the kanuka giving way to more shade tolerant and moisture loving species further downslope. Other species growing with the kanuka are kowhai (*Sophora microphylla*), totara (*Podocarpus hallii* near the top and *P. totara*) and narrow leaved lacebark (*Hoheria sexstylosa*). The understory is relatively bare with large patches of necklace fern (*Asplenium flabellifolium*), scattered coprosma species (*Coprosma rhamnoides*, *C. areolata*, *C. rotundifolia* and *C. rigida*) and native broom (*Carmichaelia australis*). Downhill from the kanuka grow scattered black and occasional white maire (*Nestegis cunninghamii* and *N. lanceolata*) rewarewa (*Knightia excelsa*) kahikitea (*Dacrycarpus dacrydioides*) with quite a bit of titoki (*Alectryon excelsus*) supplejack (*Ripogonum scandens* and *Melicope simplex*). The valley floor has a beautiful stand of large puketea (*Laurelia novaezelandiae*); some with large puka (*Griselinia lucida*) perched high up with their roots trailing down to the ground. The water loving fern *Pneumatopteris pennigera* is common here with many plants having short trunks of a metre or more. Probably the most common shrub and one that is hard not to notice is the tree nettle (*Urtica ferox*).

Epiphytes were rare with the only specimens seen being solitary plants of *Collospermum hastatum* and the perching orchid (*Earina mucronata*) both on a fallen dead maire and the pukas in the pukateas.

Climbers were well represented both in numbers of species and individual plants with three species each of rata and bush lawyer and most of the other common species. *Clematis paniculata* was a notable exception as no specimens were seen.

There are no weed problems apart from a few broom bushes (*Cytisus scoparius*) near the top of the remnant and an old large deciduous vine growing near the top of the hill on the kanuka (a large leaved clematis?)

Species of note were:

Mazus novaezelandiae subsp. *novaezelandiae* a seven square metre patch was found well up the true right of the stream under tall kanuka. The site is very unlikely to have had kahikatea growing on it and the only podocarp in the vicinity was a large totara. The site is unusual compared to

other sites seen in the Maungaraki range in that it is on a steep bank where a seepage comes out of the limestone rather than a flat boggy area.

Adiantum diaphanum: some quite large patches of this maidenhair fern were growing under the scrub.

Rubus squarrosus (Leafless lawyer): A solitary large plant of was found on the bush edge on top of the hill.

Arthropteris tenella: Several nice specimens of this climbing fern were seen

Olearia virgata: A few shrubby specimens in the wetland passed on the way to the main bush area

Rhopalostylis sapida (Nikau): Several adult trees and some regenerating plants where the cattle had not yet found them.

There was no sign of possum control with no bait stations or 1080 warning signs noted. A wild cat was seen and a few hares. There was a little rabbit sign up the hill amongst the kanuka. The general state of the bush would be classed as degraded due to the presence of the cattle, who are being particularly hard on the bush, as there is little pasture for them to eat. This is definitely a bush remnant worth protecting both due to its size and its species content and variety. There are several other remnants in the catchment of the Maringiwai Stream and others nearby which could and would seed over into this area helping recover those species that will have been lost already.

Total time spent in the area was 9 hours and the survey would be classed as medium to thorough. A subsequent survey in early autumn, 12 months after exclusion of stock would complete the picture for ferns and sedges and a spring survey should show up any orchids present

Gymnosperm trees and shrubs

Dacrycarpus dacrydioides	kahikatea
Podocarpus hallii	hall's totara
Podocarpus totara	totara
Prumnopitys taxifolia	matai

Monocotyledonous trees and shrubs

Cordyline australis	ti kouka, cabbage tree
Rhopalostylis sapida	nikau

Dicotyledonous trees and shrubs

Alectryon excelsus var. excelsus	titoki
Aristotelia serrata	makomako, wineberry
Brachyglottis repanda	rangiora
Carmichaelia australis	makaka, native broom
Carpodetus serratus	putaputaweta
Coprosma areolata	
Coprosma propinqua subsp. propinqua	
Coprosma rhamnoides	
Coprosma rigida	
Coprosma robusta	
Coprosma rotundifolia	

Coprosma robusta x C. propinqua	
Coriaria arborea	tutu
Fuchsia excorticata (unc)	kotukutuku
Griselinia lucida	puka, broadleaf
Hebe stricta var. atkinsonii	koromiko
Hedycarya arborea	porokaiwhiri, pigeonwood
Helichrysum aggregatum (unc)	niniaio
Hoheria sexstylosa	houhi ongaonga, narrow leaved lacebark
Knightia excelsa	rewarewa
Kunzea ericoides	kanuka
Laurelia novaezelandiae	pukatea
Leptospermum scoparium	manuka
Lophomyrtus obcordata	rohutu
Macropiper excelsum var. excelsum	kawakawa
Melicope simplex	poataniwha
Melicytus ramiflorus subsp. ramiflorus	mahoe, whitey wood
Myoporum laetum	ngaio
Myrsine australis	mapou
Myrsine divaricata (unc)	weeping matipo
Nestegis cunninghamii	black maire
Nestegis lanceolata	white maire
Ozothamnus leptophylla	tauhinu
Olearia virgata (unc)	taraheke
Pittosporum eugenioides	tarata, lemonwood
Pittosporum tenuifolium (unc)	kohuhu
Pennantia corymbosa	kaikomako
Pseudopanax arboreus (unc)	whauwhaupaku
Pseudopanax crassifolius	horoeka, lancewood
Raukawa anomalus	
Schefflera digitata	pate
Solanum laciniatum (unc)	poroporo
Sophora microphylla	kowhai
Streblus heterophyllus	turepo, milk tree
Urtica ferox	ongaonga, tree nettle

Monocotyledonous lianes

Ripogonum scandens	rareao, supplejack
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Dicotyledonous lianes and related trailing plants

Calystegia tuguriorum	powhiwhi, native bindweed
Clematis foetida	
Metrosideros colensoi	
Metrosideros diffusa	akatea
Metrosideros perforata (unc)	akatea
Muehlenbeckia australis	pohuehue
Muehlenbeckia complexa	
Parsonsia capsularis	kaiwhiria
Parsonsia heterophylla	kaihua
Passiflora tetrandra	kohia, passionvine
Rubus cissoides	tataramoa, bush lawyer
Rubus schmidelioides	tataramoa, bush Lawyer

Rubus squarrosus (unc)

leafless lawyer

Ferns

Adiantum cunninghamii

huruhuru tapairu

Adiantum diaphanum

Arthropteris tenella

Asplenium gracillimum

manamana

Asplenium flabellifolium

necklace fern

Asplenium flaccidum ss

makawe, hanging spleenwort

Asplenium hookerianum

Asplenium oblongifolium (unc)

huruhuru whenua

Asplenium polyodon (unc)

petako

Blechnum chambersii

nini

Blechnum filiforme

panako

Blechnum fluviatile

kiwakiwa

Blechnum triangularifolium

Green Bay kiokio

Cyathea dealbata (unc)

ponga

Hypolepis ambigua

Lastreopsis glabella

Lastreopsis velutina

Pellaea rotundifolia

tarawera

Phymatosorus pustulatus

kowaowao

Phymatosorus scandens

mokimoki

Pneumatopteris pennigera

pakau

Polystichum richardii

pikopiko

Pteridium esculentum

rarahū, bracken

Pteris macilenta

sweet fern

Pteris tremula

turawera, shaking brake

Pyrrosia eleagnifolia

leather-leaf fern

Orchids

Earina mucronata (unc)

peka a waka

Grasses

Echinopogon ovatus

Microlaena stipoides

Poa anceps subsp. *anceps* (unc)

Poa imbecilla

Sedges

Baumea rubignosa

Carex secta

purei

Carex virgata

Carex sp. (probably *dissita* but seed head had been browsed)

Eleocharis acuta

Schoenus maschalinus

Uncinia uncinata

matau a Maui

Rushes and allied plants

Juncus caespiticius

Juncus gregiflorus

wiwi

Juncus pallidus

Remaining Monocotyledonous plants

Arthropodium candidum	repehinapapa
Collospermum hastatum (unc)	kahakaha
Lemna minor	karearea

Daisy-like herbs (Composites)

Craspedia major	puatea
Gnaphalium gymnocephalum	
Lagenifera pumila (unc)	
Pseudognaphalium luteoalbum	
Senecio hispidulus (unc)	
Senecio minimus	

Dicotyledonous herbs other than Composites

Acaena anserinifolia	piripiri, bidibidi
Australina pusilla	
Cardamine sp. (C. debilis agg.)("Long Style" of Pritchard 1957)	
Daucus glochidiatus	
Dichondra sp. (long thin petioles)	
Epilobium billardioreanum subsp billardioreanum (unc)	
Epilobium brunnescens	
Epilobium insulare	
Epilobium nerteroides	
Epilobium nummulariifolium	
Haloragis erecta	toatoa
Hydrocotyle elongata	
Hydrocotyle heteromeria	
Hydrocotyle moschata	
Hydrocotyle novaezelandiae	
Mazus novaezelandiae subsp. novaezelandiae (unc)	
Oxalis exilis	
Plantago raoulii	
Ranunculus amphitrichus	
Ranunculus reflexus	maruru, hairy buttercup
Stellaria decipiens	
Wahlenbergia sp.	wahu

Birds:

Chaffinch
Fantail
Grey warbler
Magpie
Pukeko
Tui
Waxeye