

Riversdale Beach Reserve and private Land,  
immediately south of urban area.  
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VEGETATION:

Mosaic of dune and wetland vegetation, some grazed by livestock (sheep only?). Main communities:

marram with scattered spinifex, on fore-dunes;

club sedge (Isolepis nodosa) - marram, on backslopes of fore-dunes and sand ridges through wetland;

Spinifex with locally common Coprosma acerosa and Pimelea arenaria;

Baumea juncea in wet hollows;

toetoe/raupo in wet hollows and standing water;

plantings of exotic shrubs at north end of the reserve: species of

Acacia, Eucalyptus, Banksia, Metrosideros and conifers. (The 2 plants seen of matagouri lie within this area of plantings.)

THE FLORA

\* = exotic species

unc. = uncommon in area

Dicot. Shrubs

Cassinia leptophylla (tauhinu)

Coprosma acerosa vaqr. acerosa (sand coprosma)

\* Discaria toumatou (matagouri) [2 plants]

Leptospermum scoparium (manuka) [3 plants]

Lupinus arboreus (lupin) [few, at north end only]

Pimelea arenaria (sand daphne)

Ulex europaeus (gorse)

Dicot. lianes

- Calystegia sepium agg.
- C. soldanella (sand convolvulus)
- Muehlenbeckia complexa (small-leaved pohuehue)
- \* Senecio angulatus [only 1 plant? - at north end]
- \* Vinca major [only 1 plant? - at north end]

Dicot. herbs

- Apium australe (sea celery)
- \* Atriplex sp. (orache)
- \* Cakile sp. (sea rocket)
- \* Carpobrotus edulis (?) (pig face, ice plant)
- \* Cerastium fontanum subsp. triviale (mouse-eared chickweed) [unc.]
- Chenopodium glaucum [unc.]
- \* Cirsium arvense (Californian thistle)
- \* C. vulgare (Scotch thistle)
- Cotula coronopifolia (batchelor's button)
- \* Crepis capillaris (hawk's beard)
- Dichondra sp. (D. brevifolia agg.) [unc.]
- Epilobium billardieraenum subsp. billardieraenum (willow herb)
- \* Geranium molle (dove's foot)
- \* Hypochaeris radicata (Cat's ear)
- Hydrocotyle novae-zelandiae [unc.]
- \* Leontodon taraxacoides (hawkbit)
- Lilaeopsis sp. [unc.]
- \* Linum bienne [unc.]
- Lobelia anceps
- \* Lythrum hyssopifolia (purple loosestrife)
- \* Myosotis laxa subsp. caespitosa (water forgetmenot)
- \* Plantago major (broad-leaved plantain)
- Polygonum decipiens [unc.]
- \* P. hydropiper (water pepper) [unc.]
- Potentilla anserinoides
- \* Ranunculus repens (creeping buttercup)
- \* R. sceleratus (celery-leaved buttercup)
- R. sp. [R. amphitricha?]

- \* Rumex acetosella (sheep sorrel)
- \* R. crispus (curled dock)
- \* Silene gallica (catchfly)
- \* Sonchus asper (prickly sowthistle) [unc.]
- \* S. oleraceus (puwha)
- \* Stellaria media (chickweed) [unc.]
- \* Trifolium repens (white clover)
- \* Vicia sativa (vetch)

### Grasses

- \* Agrostis sp.
- \* Ammophila arenaria (marram)
- \* Cortaderia selliana (pampas) [2 plants at north end]  
C. toetoe (toetoe)
- \* Dactylis glomerata (cocksfoot)  
Deyeuxia billardierei (sand bent)
- \* Festuca arundinacea (tall fescue)
- \* Holcus mollis (Yorkshire fog)
- \* Lagurus ovatus (hare's tail)
- \* Lolium sp. (rye grass)
- \* Polypogon monspeliensis  
Spinifex sericeus (spinifex)
- \* Stenotaphrum secundatum (buffalo grass)

### Sedges

- Baumea juncea
- Bolboschoenus caldwellii
- Carex flagellifera [1 plant]
- C. lessoniana [unc.]
- C. pumila (sand sedge)
- Cyperus ustulatus
- Eleocharis acuta (spike sedge)
- Isolepis nodosa (club sedge)
- Schoenoplectus pungens (3-square)

Rushes

- \* Juncus articulatus
- J. australis
- J. distegus [unc.]
- \* J. effusus
- J. maritimus var. australiensis (sea rush)
- J. pallidus [unc.]
- Leptocarpus similis (jointed rush)

Monocots other than grasses, sedges and rushes

- Cordyline australis (cabbage tree)
- Phormium tenax (NZ flax)
- Triglochin striatum
- Typha orientalis (raupo)

Fern

- Pteridium esculentum (bracken)



