

Tinakori Hill (original name Ahumairangi) is a ridge rising to about 985ft (where the wireless station is) running about NW and SE and lying between Thorndon and Wilton; with Wadestown at the Northern end and Northland at the Southern. A good deal of the hill is built on and forms part of the suburbs of Northland, Wilton and Wadestown, but on the Thorndon side and along the Northern end of the actual ridge there is either open grass or exotic plantings.

Interspersed among the pines, eucalypts and macrocarpa there is a significant reservoir of second-growth indigenous trees, shrubs, and ferns including some not native to the district but which, having been planted, are happily naturalised and spreading. Up and along the planted face of the hill are many tracks, many comfortably graded and cleared with some wooden seats. All in all there would be several miles of tracks, on which it is possible to spend hours at a time - often without seeing a soul. And this is minutes only from the city!

The planted trees, which must be getting on for 50 years old, seem to be over-mature, and from time to time individuals come down in high winds. Traces of the 1968 Wahine Storm are still noticeable.

The natives include the usual common trees and shrubs - mahoe, coprosmas, lacebark, flax, five-finger, tarata, kohuhu, akeake. There are three or four kaimomako. From plantings there are pohutukawas, karos, Pittosporum ralphii and some odd horticultural hebes and senecios - all producing healthy seedlings. At the northern end are to be seen Nothofagus fusca and N. solandri, Alectryon excelsa, Metrosideros robusta, Weinmannia racemosa, Phyllocladus trichomanoides and some podocarps, some at least of which are planted. The true Wellington Hebe arborea (parviflora) is also to be seen in places and there are some fine Griselinia lucida and litoralis growing terrestrially.

The ferns include Doodia media very close to the Wadestown Road. Under and on the pines can be seen quite a few others and there are impressive extents of Asplenium lucidum, Phymatodes diversifolium, Polystichum richardii and Asplenium flaccidum.

Interesting groves exist of some exotics - species of Escallonia, Elaeagnis and Privet. Something new is always turning up.

#### TREES, SHRUBS AND LIANES

\* Alectryon excelsus  
Aristotelia serrata  
Brachyglottis repanda  
Carpodetus serratus  
Cassinia leptophylla  
Clematis paniculata  
Coprosma areolata  
australis  
lucida  
repens  
rhamnoides  
robusta  
Cordyline australis  
Corynocarpus laevigatus  
Dodonaea viscosa  
Elaeocarpus dentatus  
Entelea arborescens  
Fuchsia excorticata  
Geniostoma ligustrifolium  
Griselinia litoralis  
lucida  
Hebe arborea  
elliptica  
stricta  
Hedycarya arborea  
Hoheria sexstylosa

Meuhlenbeckia australis  
complexa  
Myoporum laetum  
Myrsine australis  
Nothofagus fusca  
solandri  
Olearia paniculata  
rani  
Parsonsia capsularis  
heterophylla  
Passiflora tetrandra  
Pennantia corymbosa  
Phormium cookianum  
tenax  
\* Phyllocladus trichomanoides  
\* Pittosporum crassifolium  
eugenioides  
ralphii  
tenuifolium  
\* Podocarpus ferrugineus  
Pseudopanax arboreus  
crassifolius  
Rhipogonum scandens  
Rhopalostylis sapida  
Rubus cissoides  
Schefflera digitata

FERNS

Adiantum cunninghamii  
Asplenium bulbiferum  
    colensoi  
    falcatum  
    flabellifolium  
    flaccidum  
    hookerianum  
    lucidum  
Blechnum capense  
    chambersii  
    discolor  
    filiforme  
    fluviatile  
    membranaceum  
    minus  
Cyathea cunninghamii  
    dealbata  
    medullaris  
    smithii  
Doodia media

Grammitis billardieri  
    heterophylla  
Histiopteris incisa  
Hymenophyllum demissum  
Hypolepis rugosula  
    tenuifolia  
Lastreopsis glabella  
    velutina  
Paesia scaberula  
Pellaea rotundifolia  
Phymatodes diversifolia  
    scandens  
Polystichum richardii  
    sylvaticum  
    vestitum  
Pteridium aquilinum v esculentum  
Pyrrrosia serpens  
Rumohra adianiforma  
Thelypteris pennigera  
Todea hymenophylloides

PLANTED TREES AND ADVENTIVES

Acer pseudoplatanus  
Budleia sp.  
Clematis vitalba  
Cupressus macrocarpa  
Cytisus scoparius  
Crataegus monogynus  
Digitalis purpurea  
Dryopteris filix-mas  
Hakea sp.

Hedera helix  
Ligustrum sp.  
Ulex europaeus  
Pinus radiata  
Rubus fruticosus  
Salix sp.  
Senecio jacobaea  
Solanum nigrum  
Verbascum thapsus

and Many Others