

Indigenous Vascular Plants at Whakarua, 10km East of Martinborough

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Orchid
on slope

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unc = uncommon

Site description:

This site is mainly kanuka (*Kunzea ericoides*) covering the true left of a steep sided gully with a number of small header valleys feeding into the main gully. The fossiliferous mudstone that covers this part of the Wairarapa is very prone to slumping and erosion which accounts for the very steep sides to some of the gullies. The gentler slopes in these header valleys provide some interesting boggy areas, which are now mainly filled with *Carex geminata*. The steep banks and some small pockets where the boggy areas drain into the main stream provide some interesting botanical variations to the main kanuka cover. As the site is grazed, the herbaceous species are present only where they are inaccessible to stock. The main valley runs almost N - S with most of the bush area facing East.

There are some large kowhai (*Sophora* sp.) and ngaio (*Myoporum laetum*) growing on the drier ridges. The main species of note were *Mazus novae zelandiae* subsp. *novae zelandiae* and the rasp fern (*Doodia media* subsp. *australis*). The mazus was forming a small patch in one of the small gully heads and appeared to be the remains of perhaps a much larger area which is now being colonised by *Carex geminata* which is crowding the mazus out. Tree ferns were represented by single specimens of *Cyathea medullaris* and *Dicksonia squarrosa*.

Small patches of winter flowering greenhood orchid (*Pterostylis alobula*) were seen coming through mossy patches on some of the steep banks and a single small patch of the spider orchid (*Corybas micranthus*) was also noted.

Gymnosperm trees and shrubs

Podocarpus totara (unc) Totara

Monocotyledonous trees and shrubs

Cordyline australis cabbage tree

Dicotyledonous trees and shrubs

Brachyglottis repanda Rangiora

Carmichaelia australis

Carpodetus serratus Putaputaweta, marbleleaf

Coprosma areolata

Coprosma crassifolia

Coprosma linariifolia (unc)

Coprosma propinqua subsp. *propinqua*

Coprosma rhamnoides

Coprosma rigida

Coprosma robusta Karamu

Coprosma rubra (unc)

Coprosma propinqua x *C. robusta*

Fuchsia excorticata Kotukutuku

Hebe stricta var. *atkinsonii* Koromiko

Helichrysum aggregatum (unc)

Hoheria sexstylosa

Kunzea ericoides Kanuka

Leptospermum scoparium Manuka

Leucopogon fasciculatus

Melicytus ramiflorus subsp. *ramiflorus* Mahoe

Melicytus micranthus

Myoporum laetum Ngaio

Myrsine australis

Myrsine divaricata Red Matipo

Pittosporum tenuifolium Weeping Matipo Kohuhu

Pseudopanax arboreus

Pseudopanax crassifolius Horoeka, lancewood

Raukaua anomalus Whauwhaupaku

Schefflera digitata Pate

Sophora microphylla Kowhai

Sophora tetrapetala (flowers with long keel, leaflets 13mm long) Kowhai

Monocotyledonous lianes

Dicotyledonous lianes and related trailing plants

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| <i>Calystegia tuguriorum</i> | |
| <i>Clematis foetida</i> | |
| <i>Clematis paniculata</i> | |
| <i>Muehlenbeckia australis</i> | Pohuehue |
| <i>Parsonsia capsularis</i> | |
| <i>Parsonsia heterophylla</i> | Akakiore |
| <i>Rubus schmideliooides</i> | |

Psilotoids, Lycopods and Quillworts

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> ss | Makawe, Hanging spleenwort |
| <i>Asplenium hookerianum</i> | |
| <i>Blechnum chambersii</i> | |
| <i>Blechnum fluviatile</i> | Kiwakiwa |
| <i>Blechnum novaezelandiae</i> (unc) (both "minus" and "blackspot") | Kiokio |
| <i>Cyathea medullaris</i> (unc) | |
| <i>Dicksonia squarrosa</i> (unc) | |
| <i>Hypolepis ambigua</i> | |
| <i>Pellaea rotundifolia</i> | Tarawera |
| <i>Phymatosorus pustulatus</i> | (<i>P. diversifolium</i>) |
| <i>Pneumatopteris pennigera</i> | |
| <i>Polystichum richardii</i> | |
| <i>Pteris tremula</i> | |
| <i>Pyrrosia eleagnifolia</i> | |

Orchids

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| ✓ | <i>Corybas micranthus</i> (unc) |
| | <i>Pterostylis alobula</i> |

Grasses

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| <i>Echinopogon ovatus</i> |
| <i>Microlaena stipoides</i> |
| <i>Poa anceps</i> subsp. <i>anceps</i> |
| <i>Poa imbecilla</i> |

Sedges

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| <i>Carex breviculmis</i> (unc) | |
| <i>Carex dissita</i> | |
| <i>Carex geminata</i> ss | |
| <i>Carex secta</i> | |
| <i>Carex virgata</i> | |
| <i>Uncinia leptostachya</i> | |
| <i>Uncinia uncinata</i> | Watu, Hook grass |

Rushes and allied plants

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| <i>Juncus distegus</i> | |
| <i>Juncus gregiflorus</i> | Wiwi |
| <i>Juncus pallidus</i> (unc) | |
| <i>Juncus sarophorus</i> | |
| <i>Luzula picta</i> (unc) | |

Remaining Monocotyledonous plants

Phormium cookianum

Daisy-like herbs (Composites)

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| <i>Craspedia minor</i> | |
| <i>Gnaphalium audax</i> (unc) | |
| <i>Gnaphalium gymnocephalum</i> | |
| <i>Lagenifera pumila</i> | |
| <i>Lagenifera strangulata</i> | |
| <i>Pseudognaphalium luteoalbum</i> | |

Dicotyledonous herbs other than Composites

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| <i>Cardamine</i> sp. (C. debilis agg.) ("Narrow Petal" of Pritchard 1957) | |
| <i>Daucus glochidiatus</i> | |
| <i>Dichondra brevifolia</i> agg. | |
| <i>Epilobium nerteroides</i> | |
| <i>Epilobium nummulariifolium</i> | |
| <i>Epilobium pedunculare</i> | |
| <i>Geranium microphyllum</i> | |
| <i>Haloragis erecta</i> | |
| <i>Hydrocotyle heteromeria</i> | |
| <i>Hydrocotyle moschata</i> | |
| <i>Hydrocotyle novae-zelandiae</i> | |
| <i>Lemna minor</i> | |
| <i>Mazus novaezelandiae</i> subsp <i>novaezelandiae</i> (unc) | |
| <i>Oxalis exilis</i> | Yellow oxalis |
| <i>Plantago raoulii</i> | |
| <i>Pratia angulata</i> | |

Ranunculus reflexus (pp *R. hirtus*) Maruru, hairy buttercup
Wahlenbergia rupestris (unc)
Wahlenbergia violacea (unc)

Birds:

Fantail
Grey warbler
Kingfisher
Paradise duck

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