orchid on abase

Waiohine Farm

Owner: Trevor Berthold

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Brief site visit: 27 June 2000

Grid ref: S26.113.157.

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The owner is investigating options for land protection - as part of a future eco-tourism venture. We walked through the forest and associated remnants for approx. 2 hours. The main vegetation is tawa/totara/titoki forest, on a river flat next to the Waiohine River, at the foothills of the Tararua Ranges (Wairarapa Plains, site is not mentioned in the PNAP Reconnaissance Report). The landowner plans to further protect the site through the exclusion of stock. Possums have been successfully controlled.

One of the main botanical features was the abundance of the mistletoe *Illeostylus micranthus*. I estimated several 100 plants, often very small (few years old) and (in the main forest) exclusively on *Coprosma rigida*. Some large mistletoe plants were found growing on *Melicope simplex* near the house (S26.115.163). No *I. micranthus* was found on the abundant totara in the forest block.

Mr Berthold showed me a northern rata (S26.113.157).

The perching orchid *Drymoanthus adversus* was locally common on titoki and hinau (S26.113.157).

Mr Berthold is keen to have his property further botanically surveyed and I have suggested for Pat Enright to visit him at some stage (who could stay overnight at the homestay!). I have also referred the owner to the QEII rep. for the Wairarapa: John Kirby.

Aalbert Rebergen Conservation Officer Biodiversity Wairarapa Area 7 July 2000

Plant list (woody species only) Waiohine Farm, 27 June 2000:

trees and shrubs only:

Alectryon excelsus Aristotelia serrata Beilschiedia tawa Brachyglottis repanda

Coprosma areolata C. crassifolia C. grandifolia C. rigida

C. rhamnoides C. robusta

Cordyline australis Coriaria arborea

Dacrycarpus dacrydoides Elaeocarpus dentatus E. hookerianus Fuchsia excortica Hebe stricta Hedycarya arborea

Helichrysum lanceolatum

Hoheria sextylosa Knightia excelsa Kunzea ericoides Laurelia novae-zelandiae Leptospermum scoparium Leucopogon fasiculatus

Lophomyrtus obcordata Macropiper excelsum

Melicope simplex Melicytus ramiflorus

M. micranthus

Metrosideros robusta Myrsine australis Nestegis cunninghamii

Nestegis cunninghamii N. lanceolata Notofagus solandri Pennantia corymbosa Pittosporum eugenioide

Pittosporum eugenioides P. tenuifolium

Plagianthus regius Podocarpus totara P. taxifolia

Pseudopanax arboreus P. crassifolius Schefflera digitata Sophora microphylla

Streblus heterophyllus

titoki wineberry tawa

rangiora

cabbage tree

tutu kahikatea hinau pokaka kotukutuku koromiko pigeonwood

lacebark rewarewa kanuka pukatea manuka mingimingi

kawakawa

mahoe

northern rata mapou black maire white maire black beech kaikomako

tarata, lemonwood

kohuhu

lowland ribbonwood

totara matai five finger lancewood pate kowhai

small-leaved milktree