# KOROKORO VALLEY, BELMONT REGIONAL PARK, HUTT VALLEY

Map: Topo50-BQ32 Lower Hutt

**Grid reference:** 56353710 at confluence of true left and true right branches

Catchment: Korokoro Stream

Altitude range of field trip: 5 m to 200 m

**Landform:** valley

Geology: Triassic – Jurassic greywackes and argillites (undifferentiated), including

semischists, (per NZ Soil Bureau Map 106/1).

Aspect: true left branch: north-west and south-east; below forks: east and west;

**Rainfall:** long-term average for Hutt Valley – 1150 mm p.a. **Ecological District:** Wellington Ecological District 39.01 **Forest classification:** regenerating and mature coastal forest

**Tenure:** Hutt City Council

Management: Greater Wellington Regional Council

**Status:** Scenic Reserve

These lists were prepared by Wellington Botanical Society during a 6-hour visit on 4-8-2007. During this visit, a document "Korokoro Reservoir and Scenic Reserve - Based on lists prepared between 1989 and 2002", by unknown author(s), was used as a template.

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**Route 4-8-2007:** Oakleigh St, Maungaraki, entrance – northeast on track for c. 1 km to track iunction - track to Korokoro Reservoir - Korokoro Forks – Cornish St, Petone.

**Route 4-2-2012:** Oakleigh Street, Maungaraki, entrance - down track to Korokoro Dam, then up former track up past a large redwood, and through an area of felled pines, to the Oakleigh Street entrance.

## **OBSERVATIONS: 4-2-2012**

- Drymoanthus adversus was seen on two tawa.
- The site is subject to possum control by Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC).
- The weed fern, *Pteris cretica*, was seen below a bridge, near bait station 08. Specimens were collected for GWRC and Te Papa.
- In the felled pine forest on the upper part of the former track, the following species are establishing: Indigenous species: māpou, māhoe, rangiora, ponga, mamaku, kohuhu, wineberry, hangehange, *Coprosma lucida*, *C. robusta*, etc. Adventive species: gorse, Himalayan honeysuckle, holly-leaved senecio, etc.
- A tomtit was heard, the third record in the park in the last four years (N. McArthur, GWRC, pers.comm.).

#### **ABBREVIATIONS**

agg. = aggregate
sp. = species
subsp. = subspecies
(unc) = only one plant seen
var. = variety

\* = not naturally occurring in Wellington Ecological District

# LIST 1: SOME INDIGENOUS VASCULAR PLANTS

BOTANICAL NAME	MĀORI NAME	COMMON NAME
GYMNOSPERM TREES		
Dacrycarpus dacrydioides	kahikatea	kahikatea
Dacrydium cupressinum	rimu	rimu
Podocarpus totara	tōtara	tōtara
Prumnopitys ferruginea	miro	miro
Prumnopitys taxifolia	mataī	mataī
MONOCOTYLEDONOUS TREES		

Cordyline australis tī kōuka cabbage tree
Cordyline banksii tī ngahere forest cabbage tree
Rhopalostylis sapida nīkau nīkau

## DICOTYLEDONOUS TREES AND SHRUBS

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Alectryon excelsus	tītoki	tītoki	
Aristotelia serrata	makomako	wineberry	
Beilschmiedia tawa	tawa	tawa	
Brachyglottis repanda	rangiora	rangiora	
Carpodetus serratus	putaputawētā	marbleleaf	
Coprosma areolata		thin-leaved coprosma	
Coprosma grandifolia	kanono	kanono	
Coprosma lucida	karamu	karamu	
Coprosma propinqua		a coprosma sp.	
Coprosma repens	taupata	taupata	
Coprosma rhamnoides		a coprosma sp.	
Coprosma robusta	karamu	karamu	
Coprosma propinqua x C. robusta		a coprosma hybrid	
Coriaria arborea	tutu	tutu	
* Corynocarpus laevigatus	karaka	karaka	
Dracophyllum longifolium	inanga	dracophyllum	
Dysoxylum spectabile	kohekohe	kohekohe	
Elaeocarpus dentatus	hīnau	hīnau	
Fuchsia excorticata	kōtukutuku	tree fuchsia	

Geniostoma ligustrifolium var. ligustrifolium hangehange hangehange Griselinia littoralis (P) pāpāuma broadleaf Griselinia lucida broadleaf puka koromiko tāranga Hebe parviflora tree hebe Hebe stricta koromiko koromiko Hedycarya arborea porokaiwhiri pigeonwood Hoheria sextylosa (P?) houhere lacebark

Knightia excelsa rewarewa rewarewa Kunzea ericoides kānuka kānuka Laurelia novae-zelandiae pukatea pukatea Leptospermum scoparium mānuka mānuka

Leucopogon fasciculatus mingimingi big mingimingi Lophomyrtus bullata ramarama ramarama Macropiper excelsum kawakawa kawakawa Melicope ternata wharangi wharangi Melicytus ramiflorus māhoe māhoe Metrosideros robusta rātā northern rātā

Myoporum laetumngaiongaioMyrsine australismāpoumāpouMyrsine salicinatorotoro

Nestegis cunninghamii maire black maire Nestegis lanceolata maire rauriki white maire Olearia paniculata akiraho akiraho Olearia rani heketara heketara Ozothamnus leptophyllus tauhinu tauhinu Pennantia corymbosa kaikōmako kaikōmako \*Pittosporum crassifolium (P) karo karo

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Pittosporum eugenioides tarata tarata
Pittosporum tenuifolium kohuhu kohuhu

Plagianthus regius (P) mānatu lowland ribbonwood

Pseudopanax arboreus whauwhaupaku five-finger Pseudopanax crassifolius horoeka lancewood

\*Pseudopanax laetus (P)

Pseudopanax crassifolium

x P. lesssonii pseudopanax hybrids

Pseudowintera axillaris horopito lowland horopito seven-finger Schefflera digitata patē Solanum laciniatum poroporo poroporo Sophora microphylla (P?) kōwhai kōwhai Urtica ferox ongaonga tree nettle Weinmannia racemosa kāmahi kāmahi

#### MONOCOTYLEDONOUS LIANES

Freycinetia banksii kiekie kiekie Ripogonum scandens kareao supplejack

## **DICOTYLEDONOUS LIANES**

small white clematis Clematis forsteri pikiarero Clematis paniculata puawānanga white clematis Metrosideros diffusa rātā white rātā Metrosideros fulgens akakura scarlet rātā Metrosideros perforata clinging rātā akatea Muehlenbeckia australis pōhuehue pōhuehue Muehlenbeckia complexa pōhuehue pōhuehue

Parsonsia heterophylla kaihua NZ jasmine

Passiflora tetrandra kōhia NZ passion flower

Rubus cissoides tātarāmoa bush lawyer

LYCOPODS AND PSILOPSIDS

Huperzia varia whiri o Raukatauri hanging clubmoss Lycopodium volubile waewaekoukou climbing clubmoss

Tmesipteris elongata a fork fern sp.

Tmesipteris tannensis a fork fern sp.

**FERNS** 

Adiantum cunninghamii huruhuru tapairu maidenhair

Asplenium appendiculatum

subsp. maritimum shore spleenwort
Asplenium bulbiferum manamana hen and chickens

Asplenium flaccidum makawe o Raukatauri hanging spleenwort

Asplenium hookerianum
Asplenium oblongifolium
Asplenium polyodon
Asplenium polyodon

Hooker's spleenwort
shining spleenwort
sickle spleenwort

Blechnum chambersii nini lance fern
Blechnum discolor piupiu crown fern
Blechnum filiforme pānako thread fern
Blechnum fluviatile kiwakiwa ray water fern

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Blechnum membranaceum a blechnum sp.

Blechnum procerum small kiokio

Blechnum novae-zelandiae kiokio kiokio
Cardiomanes reniforme raurenga kidney fern
Ctenopteris heterophylla taupeka gypsy fern
Cyathea dealbata ponga ponga
Cyathea medullaris mamaku mamaku

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Cyathea smithii kātote soft tree fren
Dicksonia fibrosa whekī ponga whekī ponga

Dicksonia squarrosa whekī whekī

Grammitis billardierei a strap fern sp.

Histiopteris incisa mātātā water fern

Hymenophyllum demissum irirangi drooping filmy fern Hymenophyllum scabrum mauku rough filmy fern Hypolepis ambigua rarauhi nehenehe a hypolepis sp.

Lastreopsis glabella smooth shield fern

Lastreopsis hispida pongaweka hairy fern Leptopteris hymenophylloides heruheru crepe fern

Loxogramme dictyopteris

(= Anarthropteris lanceolata) lance fern

Microsorum pustulatum kōwaowao hound's tongue fern

Microsorum scandens mokimoki fragrant fern Paesia scaberula mātā ring fern Pellaea rotundifolia round-leaved fern tarawera

gully fern Pneumatopteris pennigera pākau

Polystichum neozelandicum

subsp. zerophyllum pikopiko common shield fern Polystichum vestitum prickly shield fern pūniu

Pteridium esculentum rārahu bracken Pteris macilenta titipo sweet brake Pyrrosia eleagnifolia ota leatherleaf fern Rumohra adiantiformis karawhiu leathery shield fern Trichomanes venosum veined bristle fern

**ORCHIDS** 

green fleshy orchid Drymoanthus adversus Earina autumnalis raupeka Easter orchid peka a waka Spring orchid Earina mucronata Microtis unifolia māikaika onion orchid

common greenhood Pterostylis banksii tutukiwi Thelymitra longifolia white sun orchid māikuku

**GRASSES** 

Austroderia (= Cortaderia) fulvida toetoe toetoe

Dichelachne crinita long-hair plume grass

Microlaena avenacea bush rice grass broad-leaved poa Poa anceps

Rytidosperma gracile a rytidosperma sp.

**SEDGES** 

Carex geminata rautahi cutty grass Carex secta pūrei pūrei

cutting sedge. Gahnia pauciflora māpere Gahnia setifolia cutty grass māpere

Uncinia banksii a hooked sedge sp.

a hooked sedge sp. Uncinia silvestris matau Uncinia uncinata matau a Māui hooked sedge

**RUSHES** 

Juneus sarophorus  $w\overline{1}$ a leafless rush sp.

OTHER MONOCOTYLEDONOUS HERBS

Arthropodium cirratum (P) rengarenga rengarenga Astelia fragrans bush flax kakaha Astelia solandri kōwharawhara perching astelia Dianella nigra blueberry tūrutu

Lemna minor duckweed kārearea Libertia ixioides mīkoikoi a NZ iris sp. coastal flax Phormium cookianum wharariki

Phormium tenax harakeke swamp flax

#### **COMPOSITE HERBS**

Pseudognaphalium luteoalbum jersey cudweed
Senecio minimus fireweed
Senecio rufiglandulosus a senecio sp.

## **DICOTYLEDONOUS HERBS** (other than composites)

Australina pusilla australina Callitriche stagnalis starwort

Epilobium insulare a willowherb sp. Hydrocotyle elongata a waxweed sp. Hydrocotyle microphylla a waxweed sp. Hydrocotyle moschata hairy pennywort Ranunculus reflexus hairy buttercup mārūrū Stellaria parviflora kohukohu NZ chickweed Wahlenbergia violacea wahu a harebell sp.

## LIST 2: SOME ADVENTIVE VASCULAR PLANTS

#### **GYMNOSPERM TREES**

Sequoia sempervirens coastal redwood

Cupressus macrocarpa macrocarpa

Pinus sp. pine

#### DICOTYLEDONOUS TREES AND SHRUBS

Berberis darwinii Darwin's barberry

Cytisus scoparius broom
Eleagnus Xreflexa eleagnus
Erica lusitanica Spanish heath
Eucalyptus sp. a gum tree sp.
Genista (= Teline) monspessulana) Montpellier broom

Hypericum androsaemum tutsan

Leycesteria formosa Himalayan honeysuckle

Lupinus arboreustree lupinParaserianthes lophantabrush wattlePrunus campanulataTaiwan cherryQuercus sp.an oak sp.Rubus fruticosus agg.blackberry

Ulex europaeus gorse

#### **DICOTYLEDONOUS LIANES**

Cobaea scandens cathedral bells Hedera helix English ivy

Lonicera japonica Japanese honeysuckle Passiflora mollissima banana passionfruit

## FERNS AND LYCOPODS

Pteris cretica Cretan brake Selaginella kraussiana a selaginella sp.

#### **GRASSES**

Bromus wildenowii prairie grass
Dactylis glomerata cocksfoot
Ehrharta erecta veld grass
Holcus lanatus Yorkshire fog

#### **SEDGES**

Cyperus eragrostis umbrella sedge

## OTHER MONOCOTYLEDONOUS HERBS

Allium triquetrum onion weed Crocosmia Xcrocosmiiflora montbretia Tradescantia fluminensis tradescantia

#### **COMPOSITE HERBS**

Achillea millefolium common yarrow
Arctotheca calendula cape weed
Bellis perennis English daisy

Cerastium fontanum mouse-ear chickweed

Cirsium vulgare kotimana Scotch thistle
Conyza sumatrensis fleabane
Crepis capillaris hawksbeard
Erigeron karvinskianus Mexican daisy

Hypochaeris radicata catsear
Jacobaea vulgaris (= Senecio jacobaea) ragwort
Leucanthemum vulgare ox-eye daisy

Senecio bipinnatisectus Australian fireweed
Senecio glastifolius holly-leaved senecio

Senecio mikanioides German ivy Sonchus oleraceus pūhā sow thistle

## **DICOTYLEDONOUS HERBS** (other than composites)

Cedronella canariensis balm of Gilead

Centaurium erythraea centaury Conium maculatum hemlock Digitalis purpurea foxglove Foeniculum vulgare fennel Galium aparine cleavers

Lotus pedunculatus bird's-foot trefoil Mimulus guttatus monkey musk Oxalis sp. an oxalis sp. Phytolacca octandra inkweed

Plantago lanceolata narrow-leaved plantain Plantago major broad-leaved plantain

Prunella vulgaris selfheal

Ranunculus repens creeping buttercup

Raphanus raphanistrum wild radish Solanum nigrum black nightshade Solanum chenopodioides velvety nightshade

Stachys silvatica hedge stachys Trifolium dubium suckling clover Trifolium pratense red clover Trifolium repens white clover Vinca major periwinkle

## LIST 3: SOME INDIGENOUS BIRDS

Anas superciliosa pārera grey duck Gerygone igata grey warbler riroriro kererū

Hemiphaga novaeseelandiae kererū

Petroica macrocephala toitoi North Island tomtit miromiro

Prosthemadera novaeseelandiae tūī

Rhipidura fuliginosa placabilis pīwakawaka North Island fantail

Zosterops lateralis tauhou waxeye

## LIST 4: SOME ADVENTIVE BIRDS

Anas platyrhynchos mallard Turdus merula blackbird Turdus philomelos song thrush

Vanellus miles spur-winged plover

## **NOTES:**