



Percy Scenic Reserve

Area: 14.3228 ha

PERCY SCENIC RESERVE						GRID REF R 27 674 973							
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LOCATION On Western Hutt Road at bottom of Korokoro Road.						AREA ha: 14.3228 L. D. No.							
ACCESS Direct. Car park at Western Hutt Road. Walking track at Stanhope Grove.						STATUS Scenic RES sub-Cities							
OUTLINE & TOPO One small valley with bush covered hill sides. Includes an earth dam, settling pond and spillway in the middle of the reserve. Duck pond, lawns and garden area of mainly exotic plants in flat area adjacent to Western Hutt road.						CONTROL Petone Borough Council GAZETTED 1962/1463 and transfer T. 562195. RESERVED							
SURROUNDINGS Urban land, recreation reserve on reclaimed tip to south and north east. Secondary mahoe forest on valley slopes to north west.						HISTORY Gifted to Crown on death of W.A. Percy, early Petone settler in 1936. AIR PHOTO date SN 5497 F/11							
GEOLOGY Greywacke.						nearby town 4 km Lower Hutt nearest reserve 2 km Korokoro Scenic public road 0 sea (km) 1							
SPM Greywacke colluvium.						ALTITUDE m:MK 15 - 60m.							
SOIL Central yellow-brown earths, Korokoro hill soils.						ASPECT East							
DRAINAGE Good on slopes.						RAIN mm/xx 1406 (approx) NAT FERTILITY Moderate							
MAIN HABITATS and FEATURES													
RES	NOT					%	area	native	ex	regen	NAT	trend ²	exotic ³
LD	NZ					area	ha	1 ^o	2 ^o	3 ^o	4 ^o	5 ^o	6 ^o
✓	✓	1. Kohekohe-mahoe-tawa forest on steep colluvial slopes.				34.6	5.0	✓		H	H	I	M
✓	✓	2. Mahoe low forest on steep colluvial slopes.				42.1	6.0	✓		H	H	I	M
✓	✓	3. Mahoe-karamu-gorse shrubland on steep colluvial slope.				1.8	0.3	✓		H	M	I	H
✓	✓	4. Mamaku - five finger tree fern land and low forest on steep slope-face.				11.5	1.6	✓		H	M	I	H
✓	✓	5. Pines and planted beech trees.				3.1	0.4		✓	M	L	S	H
✓	✓	6. Earth dam and settling pond.				1.6	0.2	✓	✓	L	L	S	H
1. Young coastal forest of kohekohe, mahoe, mamaku and tawa occurs on the lower south facing slopes of the reserve. Canopy reaches 10m. Kiekie is common on the steep slopes. Understorey of mahoe, kawakawa, rangiora and hangehange reaches to 2m. Scattered ground floor vegetation of hen and chicken fern, hound's tongue fern, <i>Blechnum filiforme</i> and <i>Carex forsteri</i> .													
2. Young regenerating low forest of mahoe, and mixed broadleaved trees and shrubs including ngalo, red matipo, rangiora, <i>Coprosma</i> spp, hangehange and kawakawa. Dense canopy reaching up to 5m. Scattered ground floor cover of ferns, hook grass and <i>Carex</i> sp.													
3. Small area of shrub land on steep face with mahoe, karamu, gorse, rangiora and broom.													
4. Mamaku tree fern land with five finger, mahoe, tawa and isolated rewarewa occurs on east facing slope above Hutt motorway. Kanuka dominates on ridge top. Hawthorn and broom are common on lower slope.													
5. Groves of pines and plantings of <i>Nothofagus</i> and podocarps are present on the ridge overlooking the main garden of Percy Scenic Reserve.													
6. Earth dam is clothed in exotic grassland dominated by sweet vernal, Yorkshire fog and introduced weeds.													
N.B. 5.3% of the reserve area is developed gardens, lawns and walks with a total area of 0.8 ha.						94.7	13.5						
CONDITION													
Good. Encouraging regeneration of slope forests.													
FENCING None.													
PRIORITY Nil, no stock access.													
RATING 0-10													
SCIENTIFIC 4 Fairly typical of regenerating coastal forest in the Wellington Region.													
SCENIC 4													
RECREATION 6 Planted gardens and lawns popular picnic sites, well tracked.													
CONCLUSIONS and RECOMMENDATIONS													
Small area of regenerating coastal vegetation readily accessible to the public. The area of secondary forest and scrub on the slopes to the north-west of the reserve would make a suitable addition to the reserve and would offer protection to the vegetation in the valley between Korokoro and Maungaraki.													
Planted gardens and lawns enhance the scenic qualities of the regenerating cover.													
Sycamore, hawthorn and old man's beard are present in the regenerating bush areas and their spread needs to be checked.													
3 hours Fine conditions MCW, DJC November 1983													

¹ NATURALNESS

² TREND: D deteriorating; S steady; I improving

TREES AND SHRUBS

Native

Agathis australis (p)
 Alectryon excelsus
 Aristotelia serrata
 Beilschmiedia tawa
 Brachyglottis repanda
 Cassinia leptophylla
 Coprosma areolata
 C. grandifolia
 C. lucida
 C. repens (p?)
 C. rhamnoides
 C. robusta
 Cordyline australis
 Corynocarpus laevigatus
 Dacrydium cupressinum (p)
 Dysoxylum spectabile

Elaeocarpus dentatus
 Fuchsia excorticata
 Geniostoma rupestre var.
 Griselinia lucida
 Hebe stricta var. atkinsonii
 Hedyocarya arborea
 Hoheria populnea (p)
 Knightia excelsa
 Laurelia novae-zelandiae
 Leptospermum ericoides
 L. scoparium
 Macropiper excelsum
 Melicope simplex
 M. ternata
 Melicytus ramiflorus

Myoporum laetum
 Myrsine australis
 Nothofagus menziesii (p)
 N. solandri var. solandri (p)
 N. truncata (p)
 Pennantia corymbosa
 Phyllocladus trichomanoides (p)
 Podocarpus dacrydioides
 (=Dacrycarpus dacrydioides) (p)
 Podocarpus hallii (p)
 Pomaderris ? apetela (p)
 Pseudopanax arboreus
 P. crassifolius
 Rhopalosyllis sapida
 Schefflera digitata

Adventive

Abies sp.
 Acacia baileyana
 Berberis glaucocarpa
 Crataegus monogyna

Cupressus macrocarpa
 Cytisus scoparius
 Ilex aquifolium
 Leycesteria formosa

Pinus radiata
 Sambucus nigra
 Ulex europaeus

CLIMBERS, LIANES ETC.

Native

Clematis paniculata
 Freycinetia baueriana ssp. banksii
 Metrosideros fulgens

Metrosideros perforata
 Muehlenbeckia australis
 Parsonsia heterophylla

Passiflora tetrandra
 Ripogonum scandens

Adventive

Calystegia silvatica
 Clematis vitalba

Lonicera japonica
 Rubus fruticosus

Senecio mikanoides

GRASSES, RUSHES AND LIKE PLANTS

Native

Carex forsteri
 C. solandri
 Juncus pallidus
 J. sarophorus

Luzula picta
 Microlaena avenacea
 Rytidosperma sp.
 Scirpus inundatus (= Isolepis
 inundata)

S. prolifer (=I. prolifer)
 Uncinia uncinata

Adventive

Anthoxanthum odoratum
 Briza maxima
 Bromus diandrus
 Dactylis glomerata

Glyceria fluitans
 Holcus lanatus
 Juncus articulatus
 J. effusus

Juncus sp.
 Lolium perenne
 Poa annua
 P. trivialis

HERBS

Native

Arthropodium cirratum (?)
 Astelia solandri
 Centella uniflora
 Collospermum hastatum
 Cotula coronopifolia
 Dianella nigra
 Earina autumnalis

Earina mucronata
 Epilobium rotundifolium
 Gnaphalium audax
 G. luteo-album (=Pseudo-
 gnaphalium luteo-album)
 Hydrocotyle americana
 Microtis unifolia

Pterostylis banksii
 Senecio minimus
 Stellaria parviflora
 Thelymitra longifolia
 Urtica incisa
 Wahlenbergia gracilis

Adventive

Achillea millefolium
 Anagallis arvensis
 Bellis perennis
 Bidens frondosa
 Callitriche stagnalis
 Cerastium fontanum
 Cirsium vulgare
 Conium maculatum
 Conyza sp.
 Cotula australis
 Cryptostemma calendula
 Foeniculum vulgare
 Fumaria muralis

Galium aparine
 Geranium molle
 Gnaphalium sp.
 Hypochaeris radicata
 Lamium sp.
 Leontodon autumnalis
 Mimulus guttatus
 Myosotis arvensis
 Nasturtium officinale
 Parentucellia viscosa
 Phytolacca octandra
 Plantago lanceolata

Ranunculus repens
 Rumex obtusifolius
 Senecio jacobaea
 Silene gallica
 S. sp. (? coeli-rosa)
 Solanum nigrum
 Sonchus oleraceus
 Tradescantia fluminensis
 Trifolium dubium
 T. pratense
 T. repens
 Vicia sativa

FERNS AND ALLIES

Native

Adiantum cunninghamii
 Alsophila tricolor
 Anarthropteris lanceolata
 Arthropteris tenella
 Asplenium bulbiferum
 A. flaccidum
 A. oblongifolium
 A. polyodon
 Blechnum chambersii

B. filiforme
 B. fluviatile
 Hymenophyllum demissum
 Lastreopsis glabella
 L. hispida
 L. velutina
 Leptopteris hymenophylloides
 Phymatosorus diversifolius

Phymatosorus scandens
 Pneumatopteris pennigera
 Polystichum richardii
 Pteridium exculentum
 Pteris macilenta
 Pyrrosia serpens
 Sphaeropteris medullaris
 Trichomanes venosum

Adventive

Pteris cretica
 (p) = planted

Selaginella kraussiana