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**DRY RIVER. TRACK DOWN TO THE RIVER AND THE LIMESTONE AREA  
OF THE RIVER VALLEY**

**TOPOMAP S27 089849 & 088850-088848**

Indigenous Vascular Plants

EW

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unc = uncommon

**Site description:**

The track leads down to the river from the top of the hill where the tramline for the logging is situated. You then follow the track markers up the river beneath the limestone bluffs for a distance of about 300 metres.

The track has hot dry aspects as well as more shaded areas and at the bottom meets the end of the catchment board road. The river valley is filled with tutu (*Coriaria arborea*), rangiora (*Brachyglottis repanda*), willow (*Salix* sp.) and silver poplar ( ). There is an understory of sedges, ferns and weeds.

Items of note were *Morelotia affinis* and *Blechnum triangularifolium* which was quite common in the limestone area. Another unique feature was noted where a spring comes down of the limestone. The moss growing underneath had the fronds coated in limestone to give an unusual stalagmite effect.

The track banks would be well worth an orchid survey and places on the limestone bluffs looked possible *Anogramma leptophylla* sites hence another visit in the spring is a must.

Th survey (for *Simplicia laxa*) was thorough even though the going was quite tough in places.

Gymnosperm trees and shrubs

Podocarpus totara

Totara

Monocotyledonous trees and shrubs

Cordyline australis

cabbage tree

Dicotyledonous trees and shrubs

Alectryon excelsus var. excelsus

Titoki

Aristotelia serrata

Wineberry

Brachyglottis repanda

Rangiora

Carpodetus serratus

Putaputaweta,

marbleleaf

Coprosma areolata

Coprosma rhamnoides	
Coprosma robusta	
Coriaria arborea	Tree tutu
Cyathodes juniperina	Mingimingi
Gaultheria antipoda	Snowberry
Hebe stricta var. atkinsonii	Koromiko
Hedycarya arborea (unc)	Pigeonwood
Helichrysum aggregatum	
Hoheria sexstylosa (unc)	
Leptospermum scoparium	Manuka
Leucopogon fasciculatus	
Macropiper excelsus var. excelsus	
Melicytus ramiflorus subsp. ramiflorus	Mahoe
Myoporum laetum	Ngaio
Myrsine australis	Red Matipo
Nestegis cunninghamii (unc)	Black Maire
Nothofagus solandri var. solandri	Black beech
Olearia paniculata	
Ozomanthos leptophyllus	tauhinu
Pittosporum eugenoides	Tarata, lemonwood
Pittosporum tenuifolium	Kohuhu
Urtica ferox	
Weinmannia racemosa (unc)	Kamaha

Monocotyledonous lianes

Dicotyledonous lianes and related trailing plants

Calystegia tuguriorum  
Clematis forsteri  
Clematis paniculata  
Metrosideros colensoi  
Metrosideros diffusa  
Rubus cissoides

Psilopods, Lycopods and Quillworts

Lycopodium volubile

Ferns

Adiantum cunninghamii	
Asplenium flabellifolium	Necklace fern
Asplenium flaccidum ss spleenwort	Makawe, Hanging
Asplenium gracillimum	
Asplenium hookerianum	
Asplenium oblongifolium	

Blechnum chambersii		
Blechnum discolor (unc)		
Blechnum fluviatile		
Blechnum novae-zelandiae		
Blechnum procerum (unc)		
Blechnum triangularifolium		
Cyathea dealbata (unc)		Ponga, Silver fern
Cyathea medullaris		Mamaku
Dicksonia squarrosa (unc)		
Grammitis billardieri		
Hymenophyllum multifidum		
Hymenophyllum rarum (unc)		
Hypolepis ambigua		
Lastreopsis microsora		
Pellaea rotundifolia		Tarawera
Phymatosorus pustulatus	(P. diversifolium)	
Pneumatopteris pennigera		
Polystichum richardii		Pikopiko
Pteridium esculentum		Bracken
Pteris macilenta		
Pteris tremula		

Orchids

- Caladenia sp.
- Orthocerus strictum (unc) ✓
- Thelymitra sp.

Grasses

- Cortaderia fulvida
- Dichelachne crinata
- Dichelachne inaequiglumis
- Elymus sp. ("E. blue" of Druce)
- Poa anceps subsp. anceps
- Poa matthewsii

Sedges

- Carex dissita
- Carex forsteri
- Carex geminata (large)
- Carex lambertiana
- Carex solandri
- Morelotia affinis (unc)
- Uncinia ferruginea (unc)
- Uncinia scabra
- Uncinia uncinata (unc)

Watu, Hook grass

Rushes and allied plants

*Juncus gregiflorus*  
*Luzula picta* var. *picta*

Remaining Monocotyledonous plants

*Dianella nigra*  
*Libertia ixioides*  
*Phormium cookianum*

Daisy-like herbs (Composites)

*Gnaphalium gymnocephalum*  
*Pseudognaphalium luteoalbum*  
*Senecio hispidulus*  
*Senecio minimus*  
*Senecio quadridentatus*

Dicotyledonous herbs other than Composites

<i>Acaena anserinifolia</i>		Bidibidi	
<i>Epilobium nummulariifolium</i>			
<i>Haloragis erecta</i>			
<i>Hydrocotyle elongata</i>			
<i>Nertera depressa</i> (unc)			
<i>Pratia angulata</i>			
<i>Ranunculus reflexus</i>	(pp <i>R. hirtus</i> )	Maruru,	hairy
buttercup			
<i>Stellaria decipiens</i>			
<i>Urtica incisa</i>			
<i>Wahlenbergia violacea</i>			