

## General Information

The reserve is owned by the Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand, and is controlled for the society by the Wellington Branch.

The present warden is Mr Roy Slack, 31 Wyndham Road, Pinehaven. Phone 88-288 Upper Hutt.

Information can also be obtained from Mr R. L. Edgar, 33 Blue Mountains Road, or Mr H. Griffith, 45 Blue Mountains Road, Silverstream.

Members and friends are welcome to visit the reserve but are reminded that every care must be taken to preserve the bush in its present undisturbed state. For this reason fires are not permitted, no foliage may be picked or plants removed. Visitors are asked to keep to the tracks shown on the map.

The following points may be of interest. A short distance from the main entrance, the drive opens out into Kowhai Glen, the largest open area in the reserve. The Esna North Seat is another pleasant place for a pause. This can be reached by going up the Lancewood Steps to the top of the ridge and then down the Crooked Lancewood Walk. Bees have nested for many years in the big Beech tree to the left of the seat.

Rangi's Whare, although not in the reserve can be seen just behind the Ecclesfield house and at night glow-worms can be seen in the hole in the bank which Rangi used as a food safe. Rangi's cottage, now privately occupied, is located near the main entrance.

There are two lookout points situated in opposite corners of the reserve, one at the highest point of the Beech Track and the other at the end of the Muingimangi Walk.

## How to Reach the Reserve

**By Road:** A distance of 17 miles from Wellington Railway Station. Take the Western Hutt Road to Silverstream and cross the railway line near the station into Whitemans Valley Road.

Fork right into Blue Mountains Road and look for the Forest and Bird Reserve notice about 200 yards up on the left.

**By train:** Take the Upper Hutt train to Silverstream. On leaving the train, turn right (when looking north) into Whitemans Valley Road and then follow the above directions.

## Botanical List

Look for the corresponding numbers on specimens in the reserve.

- 1 *Aristotelia serrata* (Wineberry)
- 2 *Baileismydia tawa* (Tawa)
- 3 *Brachyglottis repanda* (Rangiora)
- 4 *Carpodetus serratus* (Putaputaweta)
- 5 *Cassinia leptophylla* (Tauhino)
- 6 *Gleomatia paniculata* (Large white clematis)
- 7 *Coprosma* spp. (5 species)
- 8 *Cordyline banksii* (Banks' cabbage tree)
- 9 *Cyathea dealbata* (Ponga or silver fern)
- 10 *Cyathea medullaris* (Mamaku or black fern)
- 11 *Cyathodes fusciculata* (Muingimangi)
- 12 *Dicrydium cupressinum* (Rimu)
- 13 *Dicksonia squarrosa* (Hard tree fern)
- 14 *Elaeocarpus dentatus* (Hinai)
- 15 *Elaeocarpus hookerianus* (Pokaka)
- 16 *Freycineta banksii* (Kiekie)
- 17 *Gaultheria autipoda* (Snowberry)
- 18 *Geniostoma ligustrifolium* (Hangelange)
- 19 *Hebe stricta* (Koromiko)
- 20 *Hoheria sexstylosa*\* (Laccbark)
- 21 *Knightsia excelsa* (Rewarewa)
- 22 *Leptospermum ercoides* (Kauka)
- 23 *Leptospermum scoparium* (Manuka)
- 24 *Lophomyrtus bullata* (Ramarara)
- 25 *Melictytus ramiflorus* (Matioe)
- 26 *Metrosideros perforata* (White climbing rata)
- 27 *Metrosideros robusta* (North Island tree rata)
- 28 *Mysine australis* (Red matipo)
- 29 *Nestegis* (*Gymnelaea lanceolata* (Maire)
- 30 *Nothofagus solandri* (Black beech)
- 31 *Nothofagus truncata* (Hard beech)
- 32 *Oleaia rani* (Heketara)
- 33 *Pittosporum eugeniooides* (Lemonwood)
- 34 *Pittosporum tenuifolium* (Black matipo)
- 35 *Podocarpus ferrugineus* (Miro)
- 36 *Podocarpus totara* (Totara)
- 37 *Pseudopanax arboreum* (Five-finger or Putahou)
- 38 *Rubus australis* (Bush lawyer)
- 39 *Schefflera digitata* (Seven-finger)
- 40 *Sophora tetraptera*\* (Kowhai)
- 41 *Waimania racemosa* (Kamahi)



# Ecclesfield Native Plant and Bird Silverstream

