

MONOCOTS excl. grasses & orchids

Astelia banksii	G. setifolia
A. solandri	G. xanthocarpa
A. trinervia	Isolepis nodosa
Baumea tenax	I. ? reticularis or ? inundata
B. teretifolia	Lepidosperma australe
Carex flagellifera	Libertia ixioides
C. lambertiana	Phormium tenax
Collospermum hastatum	Rhopalostylis sapida
Cordyline australis	Ripogonum scandens
C. pumilio	Schoenus maschalinus
Cyperus ustulatus	S. tendo
Dianella nigra	Uncinia banksii
Freycinetia baueriana ssp. banksii	U. uncinata
Gahnia lacera	

Motumanawa (Pollen Island) trip observations

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On 17 November 1990 the ABS field trip set out on a fine day to explore Motumanawa. Gumboots and sunhats were the order of the day. Many of the plants were in full flower including: Cotula coronopifolia, Ranunculus acaulis, Samolus repens, Senecio glomeratus and S. lautus. Selliera radicans at the southern end of the island was just starting to flower. A couple of the Sydney golden wattles survived my 'ring-barking' of a year ago - another visit is called for with an axe!

Fernbirds were heard and seen by most; a New Zealand dotterel was behaving territorially at the southern end, so we retreated not wanting to disturb the nesting of this declining, endemic New Zealand wader.

Four additional vascular plants to the species list of Cameron (1990) were seen on the weedy, bare shell areas. Three drift line species were close together by the base of the outer southern shellbank (spotted by Anne Grace), and the ryegrass was on the outer north-east shellbank, nicknamed "Motumanawaiti".

ADDITIONS

Cucurbita maxima\* pumpkin - single small seedling (AKU 22555)  
Lolium perenne\* ryegrass - several flowering plants  
Osteospermum fruticosum\* dimorphotheca - single small plant (AKU 22556)  
Sophora microphylla kowhai - several seeds and small seedlings

REFERENCE

Cameron, E.K. 1990: Flora and vegetation of Motumanawa (Pollen) Island - Waitemata Harbour, Auckland. Auck. Bot. Soc. Journal 45(1): 9-16.