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✧ *Baumea arthropphylla* at Mahurangi

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Baumea arthropphylla (Nees) Boeck. (syn. *Baumea huttonii* (T.Kirk) S.T.Blake) occurs in Australia and New Zealand. The synonymy of the earlier name with *B. arthropphylla* has been indicated by Wilson (1993). It forms a sedgeland in swamps, on lake shores or on the margins of small pools or streams, and is indicative of the very early stages of eutrophication (Clarkson & Clarkson 1987). In the central North Island, where it is best known, there are dense stands at L. Rerewhakaaitu, L. Rotoma, Hinehopu Mire, Waitangi Soda Springs, at Lake Rotopounamu (Turangi), Kuirau Park (Rotorua), Lake Tarawera, and Waipai Lagoon (Kaingaroa Forest).

Auckland Museum Records of this sedge in the Auckland region, kindly supplied by Ewen Cameron, are few and far between: AK 142959 Bethells Swamp, A E Wright, 1-5-77; AK 149846 Henderson Valley, wetland on roadside, A. E. Esler, 18-4-79; AK 169257 Cornwallis, Huia Rd, roadside grass verge, in wet ground, J. Mackinder, 26-2-85; AK 217934 Henderson Valley, No. 3 Road Scenic Reserve, broad stream bed, A. E. Esler & M. L. Scott, 1-2-79; AK 245869 Lake Otamatearua (Muir's Lake), Awhitu, local, with *Eleocharis sphacelata*, M. Butler, 7-1-00; AK 254507 Greenhithe, west of the Te Wharau Creek, locally common in open streamside manuka, R. O. Gardner,

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