

of Mr. Bartlett. Hatch states that the Cyperaceae and the Juncaceae were named by Varner Cooke while the introduced species were checked by J. Healy.

Among the species listed are those typical of the gumland heath association and include Phylloglossum drummondii, Lycopodium laterale, Drosera binata, and Epacris pauciflora. These species were once common around Auckland but owing to closer population and most intensive cultivation are becoming rare. Nothofagus truncata, Libocedrus plumosa, Pomaderris rugosa and Wahlenbergia colensoi are also recorded.

Among the orchids Hatch considers the occurrence of the following species to be of special interest - Thelymitra ixioides, Prasophyllum colensoi, Caladenia carnea var. bartlettii, Pterostylis nana, P. barbata and Gastrodia sesamoides.

It is interesting to note Moenchia erecta a small introduced Caryophyllaceous herb first recorded by Healy in 1948 (Trans. of Royal Soc. N.Z. Vol. 77 p.176) in modified tussock grasslands in the South Island.

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PUBLICATIONS

Auckland's Orchids, by E.D. Hatch. Bulletin Number 5, Auckland Botanical Society. Price not over 1/3.

This Bulletin contains a key to the genera and species, and a very interesting section entitled Orchids Round the Year, which tells in detail the story of the orchids from month to month. We are sure this Bulletin will be of very real practical help to all our orchid hunters. It is obtainable from the secretary.

Tuatara. Vol. 4 July 1951. Price 2/-.

Copies of this number are obtainable from the secretary. It is of particular interest to our members because it contains a Check list of the New Zealand Orchids by E.D. Hatch. Mr. Hatch's article includes some helpful line drawings, notes on distribution, keys, glossary and bibliography.

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