

If you are seeking popular names it is well to know that the name maire has been applied to Olea lanceolata, Olea cunninghamii and also Mida salicifolia. It is better then to call O. lanceolata white maire, O. cunninghamii black maire, and Mida New Zealand sandalwood. Thus you will avoid confusion. M.C.

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AN UNEXPECTED FIND - - - M.W. Crookes

Recently Mr. A.D. Mead directed my attention to a pile of lopped-off branches in the vicinity of some trimmed pohutukawa trees. Blackberry was growing through the branches, but also one noticed a considerable wealth of ferns, I was not surprised to note such species as Cyclosorus penniger, Histiopteris incisa, Pteris scaberula and P. saxatilis, Cyathea dealbata and C. medullaris, Blechnum capense and B. filiforme, nor yet in the vicinity Polystichum richardii and Lastreopsis microsora. But what really did astonish me was to discover Athyrium australe and A. japonicum. These two species have not been to my knowledge reported previously from the Waitakeres, though Miss Kibblewhite once found A. australe on a stream bank in the vicinity of Woodhill, and A. japonicum has been reported from different places in Mt. Albert by both Katie Wood and Mr. W. Fisher. The two species of Athyrium I found were on the property of Mrs. Ussher on the Piha Road not far from the turnoff to the beach. They were certainly not in the sort of location I would have expected. I hope members will keep their eyes open for these two species and not fail to publish any of their discoveries in the Newsletter. M.C.

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