

Yoania australis - On the hill behind the hall at Kaukapakapa.  
18 February 1967. Leonie Moore ( J.Beever ).  
On 28 March I went up to Kaukapakapa and had a look at this hill.  
There was of course no sign of Yoania, nor at this date did I  
expect any. Once through the protecting belt of manuka scrub I  
found myself among mature taraire, with puriri, Rhabdothermus  
and Blechnum filiforme - a subassociation which reminded me very  
much of Glorit; and I began to wonder if perhaps at some early  
period the whole area - from Waipoua through the Kaipara and the  
East Coast Bays, on south beyond the Hunuas, and across towards  
the Waikato Heads, was not one vast kauri-taraire forest with  
attached Yoania; and wherever remnant patches of taraire have  
been left undisturbed, the Yoania lingers also ? The odd patches  
of taraire on the western slopes of the Waitakeres seem to be  
intrusions rather than remnants ? At any rate no Yoania has so  
far been found in them, in spite of careful searching.

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Pterostylis furcata var micromega - Kelly's Road bog, Mercer.  
22 February 1967 ( J.Horsman ).

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Lycopodium scariosum - Lone Kauri Road, KareKare. 2 April 1967  
E.D.H.

Allan ( 1961.p.7. ) records this plant as  
occurring only south of latitude 38. Cranwell however ( Botany of  
Auckland, 1943.p.41 ) says ' N.Manukau '. I found it very obvious  
on the road to KareKare, on several clay banks facing west. The  
characteristic erect and solitary strobili, the rigidly robust  
habit, caught the eye and stopped the car. I have previously  
seen L.scariosum on windswept screes on Egmont and on the  
Kaimanawas, and was surprised to see so much of it in the  
Waitakeres.

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Dacrydium intermedium - Some 2 years ago I found a couple of  
small, apparently mature plants on the  
cliffs at Muriwai. Barely 6 inches high, gnarled and twisted on  
the bonsai principle, they carried only the closely imbricating  
leaves of the adult form. They were far too close together to  
survive for long, and the environment seemed most unsuitable, so  
I brought one home and planted it on the rockery among some  
Hibiscus diversifolius. In 2 years it has doubled its height and  
is now covered with masses of juvenile foliage above the mature  
leaves it originally bore.

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Mrs. Jean Smith records the following from Coat'sville - 9 April  
1967.

Eugenia maire  
Litsea calicaris  
Meliccytus macrophyllus ( this last also grows in the  
Lonely Track Reserve which is in the same general area E.D.H.)