

## CANTERBURY BOTANICAL SOCIETY (NZ) INC.

## FORTIETH ANNUAL REPORT 1993

**Officers and Committee**

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Committee Members:	Fiona Lees, Joan Radcliffe, Roger Keey, Max Visch, John Ward.
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**Programme: June 1992 to May 1993**Monthly meetings

July:	Cockayne lecture - Prof. David Lloyd The Reproductive ecology of New Zealand Plants
August:	Isles of the Pacific Coast of North America - Carol Wilson Mistletoes of Gondwana and Beyond - Clyde Calvin
September:	Pre-historic Australia: Semiprecious gemstones, fossil floras and faunas - Dr Mary White in association with the Geological Society of New Zealand
October:	Patagonia - Familiar plants in a strange flora - Peter Wardle
November:	Kanuka and Manuka in Australia and New Zealand - Warwick Harris Alpine Plants - Des Riach
February:	Raoulia and other members of the Inulae - problems of classification and relationships - Jo Ward
March:	Restoration of the pre-European vegetation of Christchurch - Colin Meurk
April:	Ethnobotany and Medicinal Plants - Neil Towers with Royal Society of New Zealand Native Plants in Canterbury Gardens - Di Lucas with NZ Forest and Bird Society Blooming Algae - a Curse or a Blessing - Paul Broady with Science Alive
May:	Groundcover Plants - Roy Edwards

**Field Trips and Camps**

June:	llam campus - Conifers and deciduous trees
July:	Walkway between Victoria Park and the Sign of the Kiwi and the Pinetum Riccarton Bush
August:	Paleobotany and Ancient Plants in Museum and Botanic Gardens
September:	Submerged forest, Seadown and Arowhenua forest remnant
October:	Manukas and Kanukas in the Botanic Gardens
November:	Seaweeds, adventives and bush reserves, Kaikoura with Nelson Botanical Society
December:	Alpine Plants, Pisa, Cardrona and Treble Cone and bush reserves Wanaka
January:	Raoulia and other plants of the riverbed, Cass / Poulter / Hawdon
February:	Rakaia Walkway
March:	Wilson's Swamp, Belfast and Kaiapohia Pa
April:	Native plants in the Botanic Gardens
May:	

## **CANTERBURY - WESTLAND SCIENCE FAIR**

Three book prizes were awarded at the fair held in August 1992, the book was: 'Flowering Plants of New Zealand'. Thank you to Margaret Bulfin and Christine Kokay who judged the entries for the Society.

### **Submissions**

1. New Zealand Coastal Policy  
A further draft document was studied by two members of the Committee, and a submission prepared and forwarded.
2. Canterbury Conservation Management Strategy - Issues and Options, Public Discussion Document. The completed submission form was forwarded to the Dept. of Conservation by the end of May 1992. The Conservation Management Strategy will be released in mid-1993 and will be open to comment.
3. Common Names for New Zealand's Indigenous Plants  
DOC has proposed that a list of names be prepared. A draft list was studied by the O'Briens and Colin Burrows and their comments forwarded to DOC in Wellington.

### 'Small-leaved Shrubs of New Zealand'

This book is nearing completion. Manuka Press reports that all page-proofs have been checked and indexing has been completed. In the book 230 species are described with 180 being illustrated. It is being printed in Singapore and that part should be taking place in June - July. The grant from the New Zealand Lotteries Board has been received, being sent directly to Manuka Press following a recommendation / supporting letter and report by the Society.

### Newsletter

The monthly newsletter involves the time and effort of several members as well as postage costs. John Ward - prepares the master copy, Ron Close -organises the photocopying, Julie Close - folds most of them, Fiona Lees -organises and updates the address labels, and Max Visch and team arranges postage or delivery. A special thank you to this group, helping members to be informed about Society matters as well as other botanical activities.

### Meetings with other Groups

This year there have been several meetings of this nature - two with the Royal Society, one with the Geological Society, one with the Royal NZ Forest and Bird Society and two with the Friends of the Botanic Gardens.

### Gardenz - October 1992

The Society prepared a stand at this garden show. Plants, posters and cards were sold and the commission from this covered our costs as well as providing a small profit. The main object was to demonstrate to the public the role of the Society. Several persons became members. A special thank you to Roger Keey and all those who helped prepare the exhibit, and were at the stand during Gardenz.

Journal No. 26. David Norton edited this and it was sent to all members in February. Short and long articles on a variety of topics are always welcome.

It is important to acknowledge the contribution, not only of the committee but all other members who help to make this a viable and lively Society. To all those who attend meetings, and take part in field trips - a special thank you. The camps this year were well attended and enjoyable. The catering was excellent, the roster system worked well and Geraldine Ward's organising abilities were most appreciated.