

CAREX BERGGRENII REVISITED

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It is with great embarrassment that I retract my article on the new northern limit of *Carex berggrenii* published in the last issue No 47. of the Rotorua Botanical Society Newsletter (Hobbs, 2006).

When I visited the Matea Road site in March 2005 I took photos but did not collect a specimen of the plant in question and it seems that the close-up photos emphasised features of the plant beyond my recollection. Earlier this year (February 2007) I revisited the site and collected fertile samples of the plant for growing on and for a voucher specimen for the National Forestry Herbarium in Rotorua (NZFRI 26408).

I inspected the herbarium specimen on Monday 12 March with Chris Ecroyd and reported to Peter de Lange that “I found it hard to believe (a) that the width of the leaf could decrease to such an extent and (b) that the colour of the leaf would change from "orange" to wine-red on drying, and that if the sample did not have my collection note with it I would not have believed it to be the same specimen”. The voucher material was identified as *Carex rubicunda*. The confusion occurred partly because no measurements were taken in March 2005.

My apologies to Peter, and to Nic Singers who steadfastly maintained that I was wrong.

REFERENCE

Hobbs J.F.F. 2006. *Carex berggrenii* Petrie – a new northern limit. *Rotorua Botanical Society Newsletter* 47:54-57.