

APPENDIX 3: Taxa no longer considered threatened or uncommon

Ferns

Grammitis "pseudorawlingsii" - listed by Druce (1993) without any distinguishing characters. However, we cannot locate herbarium specimens annotated by Druce, nor is it clear what this taxon is, or whether it is really distinct (B.S. Parris pers. comm.). Accordingly, based on existing information we believe that it is inappropriate to continue to list this taxon.

Monocotyledons

Baumea complanata – recorded for the Waitakere Ranges in error.

Obituary – Murray Keighley Jones

Malcolm Simpson

Murray Jones died on 13 July last year, a few years short of his 70th birthday. A member of the Auckland Botanical Society from 1958, with some inactive years before 1988, Murray was a familiar face at meetings and field trips, continuing to turn to the latter even when hip replacement surgery made walking difficult.

Murray had a lifetime of observation of the natural world. His knowledge was often accompanied by personal anecdote which made trips with him more than an exercise in taxonomy.

In May when on a geological field trip, boulder-hopping along a Coromandel coastline, Murray's discourse on indigenous edible coastal flora was most impressive in its breadth.

Murray was a lifelong member of the Forest and Bird Society, and was well known in the wider Silverdale area for his community work.

We will miss his cheerful smile, his bucolic sense of humour, and his uncanny ability to fall asleep at a meeting when a talk became a little less than dynamic!