

Nertera dichondrifolia
Ranunculus reflexus
Senecio minimus
Solanum americanum

bush buttercup
 native fireweed
 small-flowered nightshade

Monocots

Carex dissita
Carex geminata
Carex lambertiana
Carex lesssoniana
Carex virgata
Collospermum hastatum
Cordylifne australis
Dianella nigra

forest sedge
 cuty grass
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 tank lily
 cabbage tree
 turutu

Eleocharis acuta
Freycinetha baueriana subsp.
harmsii
Juncus planifolius
Juncus prismatocarpus
Isolepis reticularis
Opismenus hirtellus subsp.

sharp spike sedge
 kiekie
 flat-leaved rush

imbecillis
Rhopalostylis sapida
Ripogonum scandens
Schoenus maschalinus
Uncinia uncinata
Schoenus apogon occurs outside the reserve in Stoney Creek Forest on logging tracks, and *Juncus sarophorus* in pasture.

bush panic grass
 nikau
 su. sblejack

hook sedge

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**Round-fruited panic grass (*Panicum sphaerocarpon*)
 at Coroglen**

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Round-fruited panic grass (*Panicum sphaerocarpon* Elliott) is native to North America, including the USA and Mexico. It was first collected in New Zealand by C. Jones (WAIK 11139) in 1988 at Parakau, Whenuakite (Edgar 1998). A description of it is given in Edgar & Connor (2000).

On 16 November 2001 whilst exploring the scrublands on Kirihe Peninsula (Fig. 1) at Coroglen above Mill Creek, Whitianga Harbour I came across this unusual grass. It grows abundantly there along the weedy centres of the rough gravelled roads of Dan Hansen's "Wilderland" property, and adjoining properties. The species has rather broad leaves, and is of a decumbent habit (Fig. 2). Although Edgar & Connor (2000) state (p. 563) that no seed was set on all specimens they had seen, judging by its spread along the "Wilderland" roads, the species is obviously now seeding here. The specimens I collected had flower heads, and several florets had well-developed seeds.



Fig. 1. Location of Kirihe and Wilderland.

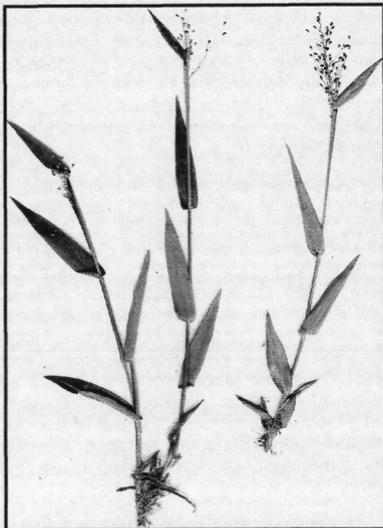


Fig. 2. *Panicum sphaerocarpon* "Wilderland", Coroglen. 16-11-01.

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