

The ericoid shrubs, *Cyathodes accrosa* and *Lencopogon fasciculatus* (both called *mingimingi*) are common as is also the daisy shrub, *Olearia furfuracea* and the Kumerahou or gundiggers' soap plant, *Pomadirris elliptica*. A notable feature is the unusually high proportion of monocoty ledonons species among which various sedges (species of *Gahnia*, *Schoenus*, *Lepidosperma*, *Cladium* etc.) the turutu (*Dranella intermedia*) and the dwarf Cordy line (*C. pumilio*) are worthy of note.

The pteridophytes are represented by the ferns *Gleichenia circinata*, *G. Microphylla* and *Lindsaya linearis* and the lycopods by *Lycopodium densum* and *L. volubile*. In some places also occurs *Phylloglossum drummondii* a tiny tuberous lycopod which appears above ground in late autumn and, having shed its spores by October dies down to its tuber which carries it over the dry summer period.

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BOOK NEWS

"The Botany of Auckland" by Prof. Arnold Wall and Lucy M. Cranwell (Whitcombe & Tombs 2/6). Members will be glad to know that this excellent little handbook has been re-published with new and interesting matter added. Although so closely packed with information it is extremely light and can be slipped readily into pocket or carry-all.

Miss Cranwell has certainly had her hands full lately, as she has been assisting in the production of that important little military work, "Food is where you find it," described as "A Guide to Emergency Goods in the Western Pacific." Though primarily intended for castaways, this little book contains a great deal that is of interest to the general botanist and nature lover.

Part I (Botanical), is by Miss Cranwell and Captain Green, U.S.M.C.R.; Part II (on Sea Creatures) is by Mr. A.W.B. Powell.

The book is well illustrated. It is published by the Auckland Institute and Museum and costs 2/-.

————— GENERAL NOTES —————

The Auckland University College Field Club reports the discovery of Hooker's spleenwort (*Asplenium Hookerianum*) near Kare Kare.

This is the first time this attractive little fern has been reported from this locality.

Mr. Theilman reports the finding of a peculiar form of *Blechnum procerum* on North Head, Devonport. This form differs from the type plant in that the lower pinnae are long and curved instead of gradually tapering away.

The plant has previously been reported only from Green Bay, Titirangi, and the vicinity of the South Head.

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————— CONGRATULATIONS! —————

Hearty congratulations to Miss Cranwell on her marriage to Major Samuel Watson Smith, an American archaeologist, now serving with the U.S. Army.

Miss Cranwell's many friends and well-wishers in the Society will welcome this opportunity of wishing her every possible happiness for the future.

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