

Threatening weather again interfered with activities on November 19th. The leader, Mr. Millener, who had been out the previous day seeking out matters of interest, found the bush extremely wet, so when rain fell at the time when many people should have been leaving, the excursion was officially called off. Perhaps it may be held next year! I am indebted to Mrs. Hynes for kindly forwarding an account of the trip.

EXCURSION TO TITIRANGI.

The party of keen members who did venture out were amply rewarded for their enthusiasm. First of all the party visited the property of Mr. Bishop, a happy hunting ground for the botanist who have not time to go further afield. Here lunch was partaken, and our sincere thanks are due to Mr. Bishop for his hospitality. The afternoon was spent very profitably on Exhibition Drive and the Scenic Drive, this route being taken for the return journey to Titirangi. Here along the roadsides is to be found a wealth of trees, shrubs, climbers and ferns, typical of the lower part of the Waitakere Ranges. Great interest was taken in Cythea cunninghamii, one of our rarer tree-ferns, and specimens of Libocedrus plumosa (kawaka) received the notice they merit. The flowers of our beautiful native iris, Libertia ixiodes, was another attraction. Other natives found in flower were Carpodetus serratus (putaputa-weta) Pennantia corymbosa (Kaikomako) with its juvenile and adult forms showing, Paratrophis microphylla, Elaeocarpus dentatus, (hinau), Cordyline banksii, Carmichaelia australis, Fuchsia excorticata, and Solanum aviculare (Poroporo) with its large purple flowers. Of the orchids Pterostylis banksii was still flowering, and our roadside friends - Thelymitra longifolia, Microtis unifolia, Orthoceras strictum, and Caladenia minor - could not be missed.

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The Orchids of New South Wales, by the Rev. H.M.R. Rupp. Issued by the National Herbarium, Sydney, price 9/-
Although the book deals with N.S.W. orchids, it is well to remember that 19 of the genera described are represented in N.Z. In some cases we have identical species, ex. Thelymitra ixiodes. N.Z. has 66 recognised species of orchids. N.S.W. has 248, but even