

Below the lowest tide level we found the beautiful pink Asparagopsis armata, Pterocladia lucida and P. capillacea, Pleonosporium hirtum and several species of Laurencia, as well as Halopteris hordacea, Colpomenia sinuosa and many others, which will be listed at a later date.

Both Miss Lush and I will always retain many happy memories of this expedition, and I should like to express my sincere thanks to Miss M.W. Crookes for being largely instrumental in making possible such a successful and enjoyable trip.

- Vivien Dellow, A.U.C.

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We would draw readers' attention to the following request just received from Mr. F. Jollie on behalf of the Auckland City Council Parks' Department.

"May I once more ask your Society's help in collecting native plant seeds. I enclose herewith a list of our particular wants. We are receiving numerous requests from overseas, and your Society will be interested to know that we have forwarded 321 packets of seeds during 1949. Some of the places to which seeds have been sent are, Greece, Italy, Norway, Sweden, Egypt, Germany, Canary Islands, Singapore, India and Switzerland. Even small amounts of the more rare natives are welcome. Thanking you for the generous help and interest you have given us during the last two years."

New Zealand native seeds required for overseas distribution by Auckland Parks and Reserves Department:

Agathis australis	Hedycarya arborea
Librocedrus plumosa	Alectryon excelsum
Podocarpus nivalis	Metrosiderus diffusa
" totara	" hypericifolia
Phyllocladus trichomanoides	Fuchsia excorticata
Meryta sinclairi	" procumbens
Schefflera digitata	" colensoi
Helichrysum glomeratum	Pittosporum buchananii
Griselinia littoralis	" cornifolium
" lucida	" fairchildii
Dracophyllum latifolium	" huttonii

Pittosporum ralphii	Melicytus ramiflorus
" dallii	Phebalium nudum
Macropiper excelsum	Alseuosmia macrophylla
Clematis indivisa	Beilschmiedia tawa
Pomaderris apetala	Hibiscus diversifolium
" elliptica	" trionum
" phyllicaefolia	Dysoxylon spectabile
Dodonaea viscosa	Hybrid manakua (in variety)
Pimilea prostrata	Phormium colensoi

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A FERN HUNTER AT LARGE

(The following consists of extracts from a letter to the Editor by Mrs. T. Wood)

We had two days at Waitomo and between looking at the caves I explored in the nearby bush. The ferns were lovely and I was so thrilled I nearly wrote to you there and then, especially when I discovered Athyrium australe growing quite commonly about. We went into quite a large patch of bush near the hostel and the ground was carpeted with this fern, also Leptopteris hymenophyll-oides and Ctenitis glabella. It was in this bush I found Sarcochilus adversus, an orchid I have been searching for for some time and now I have it growing quite nicely in a flower pot! Near the mouth of the glow-worm cave I found Asplenium hookerianum and at the roadsides Polystichum richardi was quite common, and I also found Asplenium trichomanes. The tree-ferns thereabouts looked like a species of Dicksonia, but which, I'm afraid I couldn't tell.

The fernery at Pukekura Park is a dream and if you haven't seen it you really must make a point of going there some day. I think they must have a wonderful collection and besides others I especially noticed Loxsoma, Todea barbara and L. superba.

There is another fernery at Parkers' gardens and I noticed there a healthy plant of Lindsaya viridis. Burgess Park contains some interesting native bush including a very ancient Puriri tree, and it was there I found a climbing fern which I think is Arthropteris tenella.

After leaving New Plymouth we spent three days at North Egmont, and it was certainly a botanist's paradise. Here I busied myself filling my screw topped jars with L. superba,