

During the past two years I have had several trips to areas north of Auckland. On almost every trip I have found Mida salicifolia, but on practically every occasion it has been the large leaved form - var myrtifolia. The only narrow-lanceolate leaved specimens I have observed have been -

- (1) mere saplings
- (2) trees with broken trunks making new growth
- (3) trees of fair size bearing the large leaves of the variety, and a few narrow-lanceolate leaves which are no doubt only juvenile foliage.

I have more or less come to the conclusion, from observations so far made, that var myrtifolia is the only one found north of Auckland. Would members kindly keep watch for Mida salicifolia and its variety, and report to me or to the Editor, details of any mature tree bearing narrow-lanceolate leaves only.

EDITORIAL POSTSCRIPT

This issue of the Newsletter is to some extent an experiment. It grew, like Topsy, all by itself. The various articles tumbled out of the typewriter one by one as they were received, the only theme being one of chronology. Constructive criticism and suggestions for improvement will be welcome.

I am extremely grateful to those members who wrote up the trips and provided the odd notes, and I hope that the variety of style and viewpoint will prove stimulating. The only problem I struck was one of nomenclature. The state of taxonomic flux in which the monocotyledones find themselves, will not be resolved until the remainder of the new Flora is published. In the meantime some sort of uniformity is essential. I propose to follow where possible -

- (1) Allans 1961 Flora of N.Z.
- (2) Warrens 1962 Jubilee List
- (3) Allans 1940 Naturalised Flora of N.Z.

falling back on Cheeseman only when the foregoing fail.

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