

is coming up in hundreds. Lindsaea trichomanoides, somewhat local in distribution, was found among the ferns. At the summit of the ridge, where the party stopped for lunch, is a look-out platform ingeniously contrived among the branches of a half-dead totara tree, from which splendid views of the Huia bush-clad water catchment and the Manukau Harbour are obtained.

From this point the route descends following a formed track on an easy grade to the lower Huia valley, in bush which largely escaped fire following the early milling, and in which pole kauri, some of substantial size, is common. Some trees of considerable height growing out of old stumps of kauris probably milled a hundred years ago provided the curious members of the party with some guesses at identification. As the track descends to the Huia Stream it re-enters the clay country, with plentiful regenerating kauri on a moss floor, in which the rush-like fern Schizaea fistulosa was found. Crossing the suspension bridge the bus was reached well before return time, enabling some of the party to enjoy a quick glance at Mrs Wood's interesting native collection in her garden at her Huia bach. Some rare ferns, and a fine flowering bush of Hebe bishofiana (the local speciality) were seen.

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CAN YOU HELP?

LIST OF SEEDS REQUIRED by Mrs M.J. Bulfin,  
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Requests for these seeds come from all over the world - perhaps you can assist?

Beilachmedia taraire	Libocedrus plumosa
Carpodetus serratus	Meryta sinclairii
Clematis forsteri	Metrosideros colensoi
Cordyline indivisa	M. parkinsonii
C. pumilio	Myosotidium hortensia
Cyathodes parviflora	Paratrophis banksii
Dacrydium kirkii	Persoonia toru
Fuchsia colensoi	Pittosporum cornifolium
F. perscandens	P. patulum
Gnaphalium kerliense	Pomaderris apetala
Knightia excelsa	Senecio kirkii

K. Wood.