

MOSS LIST FROM BOTANICAL SOCIETY FIELD TRIP TO LAKE OTOTOAJ.E. Beever

Achrophyllum (Pterygophyllum) dentatum	
Barbula (Tortella) calycina	
Bryum billardieri var. platyloma	Hypnodendron arcuatum
B. dichotomum	H. ?menziesii/?kerrii
Calomnion laetum	Hypnum chrysogaster
Camptochaete pulvinata	H. cupressiforme
Campylopus clavatus	Leucobryum candidum
Catagonium politum	Macromitrium gracile
Dicranella sp.	M. ?prorepens/?submucronifolium
Dicranoloma fasciatum	Orthorrhynchium elegans
D. menziesii	Papillaria crocea
Distichophyllum microcarpum	Philonotis tenuis
D. pulchellum	Porotrichum oblongifolium
Ditrichum difficile	Pottia truncata
Echinodium hispidum	Ptychomnion aciculare
Eriopus brownii	Racopilum convolutaceum
Fissidens asplenioides	?Rhynchostegium tenuifolium
F. rigidulus	Sematophyllum amoenum
F. tenellus	Thuidium furfurosum
Funaria hygrometrica	T. furfurosum var. sparsum
Gymnostomum calcareum	Trichostomum brachydontium
Haplohymenium huttonii	Wijkia (Acanthocladium) extenuata
Homalia falcifolia	Zygodon ?intermedius
H. pulchella	

TO ADD TO THE NEWSLETTER PLANT RECORDS: PARSONSIA CAPSULARISSandra Jones

In the April 1967 Newsletter (page 9) Mr A.D. Mead reports finding Parsonsia capsularis near the summit of the Parekura Peak on the Taumata Track (Waitakere Ranges). He comments that he "had not previously seen it in the ranges and a few knowledgeable members of our society from whom I enquired did not recollect having seen it. It is listed in the Society's Jubilee Booklet as occurring in the Auckland district but this may possibly derive from its known presence in the Hunuas. It would be surprising if it is confined, so far as the Waitakeres are concerned, to this one locality, and I should be glad of any information members can supply."

Miss M. Crookes mentions it again in her report of a field trip on the Taumata Track (Newsletter, March 1969, pages 3 & 5). "... not so far as I am aware reported from elsewhere on the ranges, though its brother the kaihua, P. heterophylla is so extremely common near the coast." (Note: the drawings and descriptions of the two species on page 5 of that account should be reversed: the flowers of P. capsularis have protruding anthers, while those of P. heterophylla are enclosed in the tube. J.T. Salmon in his book "New Zealand Flowers and Plants in Colour" (1974 edition) has also reversed the species on page 176.)

I have recorded P. capsularis at three other spots in the Waitakeres. In each case the flowers were carefully inspected to confirm identity.

Pararaha Stream	December 1980
Mt Donald McLean	10 December 1982
Taraira Track, Karekare	24 March 1984