

PSEUDOWINTERA IN NORTHLAND - A CORRECTION

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[In the last edition of A.B.S. Newsletter, Jul. 1985 p.32, the third paragraph was inadvertently omitted from Pseudowintera in Northland. The first three paragraphs are reproduced here. - Ed.]

In reply to Lucy Moore's article (Ak. Bot. Soc. Newsletter Jan. 1983). Yes, horopito is present in the Far North and also in many other parts of Northland.

Horopito is however an uncommon shrub in Northland. It usually occurs either as single plants or in groves of half a dozen or so plants. It seldom attains great height. The largest we have seen is in an eastern Te Pahi forest remnant (E.K.C.). It was east of Pandora Road and some 8 m tall with two seedlings close by in mahoe/puriri/kohekohe/pidgeonwood forest, February 1984 (N1 & 2* c. 245467 c. 150 m). Voucher+ AKU 15974.

Another tall specimen was in Puketi Forest (P.J.B.), where a solitary 6 m plant was seen fruiting (the only instance observed fruiting). This shrub was near the headwaters of the Waikape Stream (N11 262563 c. 300 m), under dense, tall kauri with miro/tawa/taraire subcanopy. In Puketi Forest, which is familiar to one of us (P.J.B.), it is an uncommon shrub frequently associated with kauri, although not restricted to these areas. It usually occurs at gully heads, or just below ridge crests. It is most common in Northland at higher altitudes, although it is by no means restricted to these areas. A voucher record from Puketi forest (AK 166468) was collected near the headwaters of the Pukatea Stream under rimu/towai/kohekohe/taraire forest (N11 248548 c. 390 m).

Bulbophyllum tuberculatum - Back to Endemism

A recent illustrated summary (Orchadian 8:(5) September 1985, p.100) by P.S. Green of Kew, transfers the plants from the NSW/Queensland border, Lord Howe Island and Norfolk Island to Bulbophyllum argyropus (Endl.) Reichb.f., leaving Bulbophyllum tuberculatum Col. as an endemic N.Z. species.

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