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FRONTICEPIECE

John Thompson

The fronticepiece, provided by Mr. Cecil Dunn is that of Carex inopinata, a carex which is found naturally in the limestone country of the Castle Hill Basin. This was reported on in Journal No. 6 1973.

After the experiments mentioned in that article were completed the plants were placed in a somewhat shady position of the garden and have since been given little attention.

Each plant has spread moderately, growth is very dense. Leaves are up to 31 cm long compared with 10 cm mentioned in the Flora. Culms reach up to 26 cm, c.w. Flora 1 cm, whilst inflorescences of 4 pedunculate spikes are common, one noted had 5 spikes, as against 3 in the Flora.

The male spike is terminal with sometimes a female spike close below. The other spikes are female, on one plant a male spike surmounted a female, and are placed near the base of the culm.

The peduncles range from 5 mm to 6 cm in length. The details of the glumes and utricles agree with the description in the Flora.

The mature culms were gathered early in December as against the end of March in the field.

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BLUE-FLOWERED PARAHEBE LINIFOLIA

by Hans Petersen

On the Wellington Botanical Society's summer trip, 19-25 January, 1972, we found Parahebe linifolia on the way up towards Mt. Owen, probably between 4-5000 feet, some growing on a little heap of stones, others a few yards from there on a nearly vertical rock wall. Flowers were in shades from pale blue, blue, to purple blue. Another patch was about a mile from there in the Granity Pass, also in blue shades.