

To reduce the desire of the public to enter the scientific reserve I advocate suitable information signs and the planting of some clumps of Ranunculus and some of the other unusual plants inside the fence but close enough to be studied and photographed from outside.

From the car park only foot access should be permitted. I realise that allowing the public to roam over the ridges and limestone tors may incur the ire of the botanists and archaeologists who fear damage to the plants listed above and to the Maori Rock drawings. I doubt if any possible advantages to the natural scene by excluding the public from the "outer" reserve would warrant the deprivation of the public of the opportunity of enjoying the scenery, geology and plant life and of understanding something of the scientific heritage of one of our most remarkable natural regions.

FRONTICEPIECE

The fronticepiece, provided by Mr.C. Dunn, is a drawing of Carex trifida. Cav. This is a handsome, very robust, Carex with culms up to 90cm high. The stout stems are trigonous with angles rounded and usually support 6 to 9, sometimes more, very sturdy spikes up to 11 cm long. The narrower upper spikes are male.

It is to be found on Stephens Island, off D'Urville Island, in Akaroa Harbour and in scattered localities south of lat. 45 30, on Stewart, Snares, Antipodes, Auckland, Campbell, Macquarie Islands usually on coastal cliffs. The specimen drawn was found at Oyster Bay, Papatowai.

This bay lies close to the camp in the Catlins area which the Society hopes to use as its base for a future Summer's activities. In Oyster Bay one can also see plants of the not so common Blechnum durum and Blechnum banksii which are almost always found close to the sea. Here too, grows the lovely Myosotis rakiura.
