

green duckweed, *Lemna minor*, and the brownish leaves and fruiting inflorescences of *Potamogeton cheesemanii*.

In the shallower water *Ranunculus rivularis* was flowering and fruiting, *Callitriche verna* was in fruit, and the exotic *Nasturtium officinale* occurred. *Eleocharis acuta* occupied a damp muddy area where the swamp shallowed out.

In damp grassy places *Uncinia uncinata* var. *ferruginea* was again in full fruit, reminding us of our visit in January last year when we released a young blackbird that had got so tangled in the hooked half-ripe fruits on the close-ranked spikes that it was helpless when we found it and would almost certainly have died had we not set it free.

A species which is found only here and there under the manuka between the track and the hillside is *Schizaelema trifoliolatum*.

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PAKURATU LIVERMORT WELCOME IN ENGLAND.

Extract from letter from Dr P.W.Richards, the Botany School, Cambridge University:

"I was delighted with the beautiful material of *Monoclea* c.fr. which reached me early in February. It was in excellent condition I should think very few people in this country know the sporophytes except from text-book figures. We feel so cut off from the outer world now-a-days that it is a great pleasure to see something new botanically."

HECTOR MEDAL AND PRIZE.

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