

them, on their own ground, have their own character, seldom to be found in tame cultivated examples. *Senecio greyi* (or *Brachyglottis greyi*, if you prefer) scrabbling about its own wild habitat looks like some outlaw compared with the disciplined-looking garden bush we all know. I see we're back to *rotundifolius* for the muttonbird or puheretaiko, but nobody ever seems to illustrate the near perfect circle its leaves so often describe, where there has been no hanky-panky with "narrower-leaved forms". (I met a very Stewart Island looking muttonbird bush somewhere near Cape Foulwind, and am still beating about the bushes as to why this plant should look so different at Half Moon Bay, Mason Bay and in Queen's Park, Invercargill. I've pinched a bit of the last-named to grow at Stewart Island.) As for the teteaweka-type olearias, I'm just going to wait and see who wins, lumpers or splitters. Two or three fugitives got away, Mrs Eagle tells us; rarely, herbarium material had to be used. And keeping up with the time has meant recourse to the "unnamed, unclaimed" here and there. Can the last plant ever be run to earth, the last word pronounced? Of course not, that's the fun of it.

If Audrey Eagle was undaunted by her task, should we be at the price we have to pay for her achievement? Up to the buyer — people pay more (I don't) for clothes. It would make a wonderful gift for a retiring botanist — except that no botanist has ever been known to retire.

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Index to Areas for which Check-Lists of Vascular Plants have been Compiled Supplement 2

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In this second supplement further check-lists (Nos 194-251) are indexed. Many of these are for areas in N.W. Nelson and in order to make the index complete for that part of the country earlier check-lists from there have been included (Nos 24, 29, 66, 117, 142, 189, 192, 193). The original index appeared in Bulletin No. 39, and the first supplement in Bulletin No. 41.

Corrections that should be made to the first supplement are as follows:

- Page 73: For "Wairapa" read "Wairarapa".
For "Tokokino" read "Tikokino".
Page 74: For "Mauia V." read "Maruia V."
For "Tokokino" read "Tikokino".
For "Wairapa" read "Wairarapa".

In addition the following headings should be inset:
 "Matiri Ra.", "Simpson Bush", "Vinegar Hill Bush", and "Waitomo
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