

striatum, and the adventive barley grass, Hordeum hystrix.

REFERENCE

- Mason, R. 1979: Signs of Things Past. Canterbury Botanical Society Journal No.13.  
pp 31-32.
- 

PAESIA SCABERULA ON THE PORT HILLS

John Lovis

In his recent article on the ferns of the Port Hills, John Thompson (1979) adds Paesia scaberula to the known flora on the basis of a single station in Gibraltar Bush.

By chance, I have seen this fern in two additional sites this year. Firstly, as a very small plant in a south facing rock crevice in the devastated plantation towards the head of the Victoria Park valley. In view of this fern's dislike of deep shade, it is possible that it arrived in this station subsequent to the Big Blow of 1975.

The second station is at the base of a roadside bank bordering the Summit Road behind Cass Peak, where two colonies, bearing twenty fronds apiece, grow within a few yards of each other. This site is also notable for the presence of Lycopodium volubile at the top of the bank.

A tiny plant of Blechnum vulcanicum was also noticed here, but on the same excursion another much larger plant of this same species (previously recorded from the Port Hills only from the Lyttelton Reserve) was seen on the roadside bank in a very exposed situation north of Gibraltar Rock. This all seems to bear out, as was well-known to Leonard Cockayne, that a botanist on a bicycle sees more than the botanical motorist.

REFERENCE

- Thompson, J. 1979: Ferns of the Christchurch Port Hills. Canterbury Botanical Society Journal 13: 20-25.
-