

COMMENTS:

Mr. H.G. Gilpin has informed me that he has seen a specimen of Eleocharis dentatus in the main bush gully.

The greater list of species recorded by us, 175, as against the botanists' 122, is probably due to our spending much more time in the reserve than the two very busy botanists could afford.

On nearly all of our visits we met people walking on one or both of the tracks. All appeared to be enjoying their walk. It is pleasing to note that after many years of constant use the tracks still enable the walker to view a large number of native plants.

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First I have to thank Professor John Lovis for bringing to my attention the article printed in the Lyttelton Times. His kindness has led my wife and me to enjoy many happy days fossicking in the reserve. To Mr. Hugh Wilson go my thanks for passing on to me some of his wide knowledge of plants and for naming various specimens. Max Visch had the pleasure of finding Raoulia hookeri during a Botanical Society outing.

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RESEARCH TOPICS

Recently I was shown a special scientific supplement of the News-bulletin of The Entomological Society of New Zealand Inc., 'Entomological Research Topics'. There are 187 entries under a variety of headings and covering a wide field. Many relate to the relationships between insects and plants.

At a recent symposium on 'Research on the Vegetation of N.Z.', held at Lincoln, it was quickly apparent that there are still a large number of botanical topics that need further investigation, some complex but many requiring only simple observations.

Perhaps, at some stage the Journal may be able to publish a list of botanical research topics, but in the meantime we offer the pages of the Journal for the advertising of topics which require investigation and for publishing the results of such investigations. (Ed.)