

Canterbury Botanical Society (NZ) Inc Forty-first Annual Report 1994

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Committee:	and Max Visch
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Monthly Meeting Programme (1993 - 1994)

June	Annual General Meeting and social gathering
July	<i>"Herbals as an Introduction to Botany"</i> , John Palmer
August	<i>"Botanical Rambles In the Eastern USA"</i> , Colin Burrows
September	<i>"The Department of Conservation and its Relationship with other Agencies"</i> , Herb FAMILTON
October	Book launch: <i>"Small-leaved Shrubs of New Zealand"</i> , Hugh Wilson
November	<i>"A Plant Ecologist in Australia"</i> , David Norton
	<i>"Botanists in China"</i> , Neroli & Neil O'Brien and Bill Sykes
February	<i>"Show and Tell"</i> , members' evening
March	<i>"Dendrochronology"</i> , Jonathan Palmer
April	<i>"The Canterbury Plains Natural Heritage"</i> , Colin Meurk
May	<i>"Propagation of Native Plants"</i> , Jo Cartman

Field Trips and Camps (1993 - 1994)

July	Botanic Gardens (Plants of economic value), Max Visch
August	Garden & Nursery of Gillian and Miles Giller
September	<i>Cancelled because of bad weather</i>
October	Workshop on small-leaved shrubs, Colin Burrows & Hugh Wilson
November	Mount Grey (Forest and montane plants), Anne Acton-Adams
December	Matakitaki Valley (Joint camp with Nelson Botanical Society)
January	Tautuku, Catlins, Ron Close
February	Cass (Lichens), Elizabeth & Howard Lintott and Colin Meurk
March	Mount Pleasant Bluffs, Pat Morris & Joan Radcliffe
April	Waimakariri terraces (Indigenous flora remnants), Colin Meurk
May	Ahuriri Valley Bush, Colin Burrows

The Canterbury Botanical Society attracts both professional botanists and others with an interest in plants, particularly in the conservation and cultivation of the indigenous flora of New Zealand. The membership is stable at nearly 200, and the finances are healthy.

Meetings and Newsletter. A monthly programme of meetings have been arranged, as listed above. Mostly these have been held in Room A6 at the University, with one, as an experiment, in E7 in the Engineering School. A monthly newsletter maintains contact among members; we thank the production and distribution team who include: Julie & Ron Close, Fiona Lees, Neil O'Brien, Max Visch and John Ward.

Field trips and camps. The monthly field trips have been maintained, and we are grateful to the various leaders. The December weekend and January week-long camps were also run, as usual. We thank Ron Close for managing both camps, the December camp being held jointly with members of the Nelson Botanical Society who were responsible for the local arrangements. The Catlins attracted 45 participants to the January camp for which Geraldine and John Ward co-ordinated the catering arrangements with their usual flair.

Conservation. The Society made submissions on the proposed granting of logging rights for the Waitutu Maori Block to the Minister of Conservation and the Minister of Forests, and to the Mayor of Christchurch regarding the retention of the whole of the Travis Swamp area. Encouraging responses were received. The Society has offered the Queen Elizabeth II Trust a grant-in-aid of \$500 towards the cost of goat fencing the northern boundary of the Ahuriri Reserve on condition of access. The conditional offer has been accepted.

"Small-leaved Shrubs of New Zealand". The long-awaited book written by Hugh Wilson and illustrated by Tim Galloway was launched to a packed throng at the University in October. The book is selling well, and the Society's interest-free loan towards the publication costs has been repaid by Manuka Press.

Journal. The annual *Journal* (27) was published containing a range of articles by members. Colin Burrows acted as Editor while David Norton was on leave. *Journal* 25, which contains the distribution maps for small-leaved shrubs in Canterbury and Westland, is now sold out, but there are still back issues of some other numbers available.

Students. The Committee will bring a recommendation to the Annual Meeting regarding the institution of a modest grants scheme for university students as an aid for research costs. The Society also supported the Science Fair again in 1993, awarding three book prizes; Christine Kokay and Pat Morris were our judges.

Members. We regret to report the continuing disability of Professor David Lloyd, and the passing away of John Thompson, an Honorary Life Member, and Jean & Stan Reid.

Roger Keey (President)

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