

Carex brevifolius
C. punctata
Cyperus congestus
Duchesnea indica
Erica lusitanica
Leycesteria formosa
Ludwigia palustris
Paspalum dilatatum
Phytolacca octandra

Prunella vulgaris
Selaginella kraussiana
Solanum mauritianum
S. chenopodioides
Tradescantia fluminensis
Ulex europaeus
Veronica plebeia

Spragg's Bush Fungi Additions. 18 May 2003

Clive Shirley

On 18 May 2003 I had the opportunity to go to Spragg's Bush Reserve with Peter Buchanan from Landcare Research and Forest and Bird's North Shore Branch of the Kiwi Conservation Club, foraging for fungi. Several species have now been added to the previously published record by Fran Hintz (2002).

Geastrum saccatum (earthstar)
Hygrocybe pura (wax gill)
H. procera (wax gill)
H. lilaceolamellata (wax gill)
Laccaria sp.
Mycena austrororida
M. ura
Podoscypha petalodes (wine glass fungus)
Ramariopsis antillarum (confirmed)
Russula griseoviridis (green russula)
Russula macrocystidiata (purple russula)
Weraroa novaezelandiae

Reference

Hintz, Fran 2002: Sharp's Bush and Spragg's Bush Reserves. *Auckland Botanical Society Journal* 57(2): 97-99.

The 17th NZ Fungal Foray, Kaimai Forest Park, 5 – 10 May 2003

Peter White

Introduction

The New Zealand Fungal Foray is an annual event held in May each year at a different site in the country. It is intended for both amateur and professional mycologists. The amateurs range from members of the public with a general interest in natural history, to photographers, to gastronomes, to those with an extensive knowledge on New Zealand's fungi.

Initiated in 1986 with a foray at Kauaeranga Valley, Coromandel Peninsula, the event has since been held in such varying places as Tangihua, the Catlins, Wanganui, Ruatahuna and Haast. The Foray is organised by a loose group of people, the organising group often changing from year to year. It has always been strongly supported by the mycologists at Landcare Research.

The Foray has three main aims:

- to better understand the diversity and distribution of New Zealand's native fungi

- to increase public understanding and appreciation of New Zealand's fungi
- to provide a forum for anyone in New Zealand interested in fungi to meet informally at least once a year.

This year's Foray, the 17th, was held from 5-10 May in the Kaimai Ranges, Bay of Plenty. Accommodation was at the Aongatete Lodge, Kaimai Outdoor Centre, 18km from Katikati. There were between 20-40 people on the Foray, depending on the day and activities.

Day 1: 5 May, The Arrival

For me getting to the Foray meant an early start – 5.30am to catch a 7.15am bus to the 8am boat to Auckland, where Clive Shirley was waiting to pick me up for the drive to Katikati. We arrived at Aongatete Lodge around 3pm after a couple of stops along the way to hunt for fungi. The first stop was Broken Hill on the Tairoa River, where we saw a lovely display of *Dawsonia superba*, in one place densely packed like a