

Appendix 1. Records of *Ruppia* species in Auckland

AK number	Location	Collector	Date	Habitat
<i>Ruppia megacarpa</i>				
1248 & 108143	Coast near Lake Takapuna (Pupuke)	T.F. Cheeseman	1884	
<i>Ruppia polycarpa</i>				
1247	Lake Pupuke	T.F. Cheeseman		
276059	Whatipu, north of Ninepin	E.K. Cameron	1986	In small freshwater pond at back of beach, pond c.80 cm deep
277315	Whatipu	J.E. Braggins	1988	In small lagoon near old wharf on sand dunes
279104	Whatipu	E.K. Cameron	1990	Knee deep water (55cm)
284815	Mauku, tributary of Mauku Stream	S.P. Benham	2004	Near waterfall; water c.40cm deep
294265	Mahia Park, Wattle Farm Road, Manurewa	R.J. Stanley & P.M. Brown	2004	Constructed ponds
295565	Lake Whatihu, Karioitahi Road, Awhitu	E.K. Cameron & P. A. Aspin	2006	Submerged in 20-30cm deep water, sandy bottom lake.

Two early members: Katie Mays (Kathleen Wood) and Joan Dingley Alan E. Esler

The Botanical Society sadly records the passing of one of its very early members. Katie Mays (Kathleen Wood) 1915-2006 began amateur botanical observations in 1922 in Glen Eden. She is best known for a series of articles with sketches from the 1940s to 1979 in the *Weekly News*. The Botanical Society published her articles from 1950 to 1988. For two years, with Phyllis Hynes, she was stand-in botanist at the Auckland Museum with much involvement with the Cheeseman Shows. She was a very skilled painter of scenery and plant studies, and 1,280 specimens in the Museum herbarium testify to her field activities. See: Kathleen Wood: Botanist and Artist (Esler 1999).

Another early Bot Soc member celebrated her 90th birthday with horticulturalists, mycologists and botanists at the Botanic Gardens in May 2006 (Fig. 1) – Dr Joan Dingley was a graduate of Auckland University leaving with MSc on the ecology and morphology of *Dicksonia squarrosa*. She was appointed to DSIR at Mt Albert in 1941 to study the taxonomy of fungi and gained a world reputation. Joan has vast botanical knowledge with particular interests in horticulture. Those interests continue with considerable vigour. See: Tribute to pioneer plant pathologist and mycologist, Dr Joan Dingley (Thomson 1998).

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Fig. 1. Dr Joan Dingley celebrating her 90th birthday at the Auckland Botanic Gardens, May 2006. Photo: Ross Beever.