

Editorial

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Many of the articles in the 2011 *Wellington Botanical Society Bulletin* involve plants from the authors' local surrounds or even gardens. These plants variously inspire, confuse, or invoke concern. It is clear that you need not go far to find a plant interesting enough to write about! Hopefully you enjoy and learn from this collection of articles. Perhaps they will inspire you to share your own botanical observations and knowledge with the Bulletin's readership.

I thank all of the authors who contributed to this issue. Carol West investigates and compares the lawns of her recent residences, and asks what's in your lawn? Jonathan Anderson considers the enigmatic distribution of nikau in Wellington, while Rodney Lewington and Carol West focus on kauri in Otari-Wilton's Bush. Barbara Mitcalfe tells us how to distinguish several of Wellington's coastal grasses, including some uncommon indigenous species as well as an exotic invader. Several people have combined their observations to document the native New Zealand plants that are not indigenous to the Wellington region but are now self-propagating there. Lara Shepherd and I closely follow the flower development of a coastal five-finger in our garden as we try to reconcile our field observations with what is written in the literature about the breeding system of this species and its relatives. Peter de Lange and Jeremy Rolfe write about the flora of a nationally significant reserve in Northland. Eleanor Burton and Neill and Barbara Simpson contribute obituaries for two past members of the Wellington Botanical Society.

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