

# The Trees of Caughey Preston Home & Hospital grounds, Remuera, Auckland

M. Wendy Patterson (1924-2010)  
(with comments from Mike D. Wilcox)

This species list is based on a fuller report by Wendy Patterson (held by the Botany Department, Auckland Museum) prepared 2005-09, by Wendy Patterson (for obituary see Cameron 2011) while living in Ventnor Home, Caughey Preston, 17 Upland Rd, Remuera, Auckland. The trees were planted by the Kew Gardens-trained gardener of Mrs. Wilson of Wilson & Horton, who owned the property until 1953.

Mike Wilcox adds in April 2011: the grounds of this property cover 3.0 ha and have numerous trees and shrubs, many dating back to the 1940s and 50s. Oriental white oak (*Quercus aliena*) and saw-tooth

oak (*Q. acutissima*) are the most prized specimens, both species being very rare in Auckland. Other well-grown trees are Norfolk Island pine (*Araucaria heterophylla*), pin oak (*Quercus palustris*), tipu (*Tipuana tipu*), Japanese cedar (*Cryptomeria japonica*), Atlas cedar (*Cedrus atlantica*), cottonwood (*Populus deltoides*), box elder (*Acer negundo*), camphor laurel (*Cinnamomum camphora*), and a very attractive ornamental variety of apple tree (*Malus pumila*) with small, red fruits. Trees have recently been removed from land just west of the kitchen complex to make way for a new building.

## Reference

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## Cultivated trees of Caughey Preston Home (2005-09)

<i>Abelia</i> × <i>grandiflora</i>	<i>Coprosma robusta</i>
<i>Acer negundo</i>	<i>Cordyline australis</i>
<i>Acer palmatum</i>	<i>Corynocarpus laevigatus</i>
<i>Aesculus</i> × <i>carnea</i>	<i>Cotoneaster cornubia</i>
<i>Aesculus hippocastanum</i>	<i>Cotoneaster frigidus</i>
<i>Agathis australis</i>	<i>Cryptomeria japonica</i>
<i>Alectryon excelsus</i>	<i>Cryptomeria japonica</i> 'Elegans' (addition by MDW)
<i>Aloe arborescens</i>	<i>Cupressus glabra</i>
<i>Amelanchier alnifolia</i> (could not be located by MDW)	<i>Cupressus lusitanica</i>
<i>Araucaria heterophylla</i>	<i>Cupressus macrocarpa</i>
<i>Azalea indica</i>	<i>Cupressus sempervirens</i>
<i>Banksia integrifolia</i>	<i>Cyathea dealbata</i>
<i>Betula pendula</i>	<i>Eriobotrya japonica</i>
<i>Buxus sempervirens</i>	<i>Ficus elastica</i>
<i>Callistemon citrinus</i>	<i>Fraxinus ornus</i>
<i>Callistemon rigidus</i>	<i>Ginkgo biloba</i>
<i>Camellia japonica</i>	<i>Gleditsia triacanthos</i>
<i>Cedrus atlantica</i>	<i>Grevillea robusta</i>
<i>Cedrus deodora</i>	<i>Griselinia littoralis</i>
<i>Ceratopetalum gummiferum</i>	<i>Griselinia lucida</i>
<i>Cestrum auranticum</i>	<i>Hebe</i> cultivars
<i>Cestrum nocturnum</i>	<i>Hibiscus rosa-sinensis</i>
<i>Chaenomeles japonica</i>	<i>Hibiscus syriacus</i>
<i>Chamaecyparis lawsoniana</i>	<i>Hoheria populnea</i>
<i>Chamaecyparis obtusa</i>	<i>Homalanthus populifolia</i>
<i>Chamaecyparis pisifera</i>	<i>Hymenosporum flavum</i>
<i>Cinnamomum camphora</i>	<i>Ilex aquifolium</i>
<i>Citrus limon</i>	<i>Indigofera australis</i>

*Jacaranda mimosifolia*  
*Jacobinia carnea*  
*Jacobinia pauciflora*  
*Jasminum officinale*  
*Juglans regia*  
*Juniperus squamata*  
*Kunzea ericoides*  
*Lagerstroemia indica*  
*Lagunaria patersonii*  
*Lavendula dentata*  
*Libocedrus plumosa*  
*Ligustrum lucidum*  
*Ligustrum sinense*  
*Liquidambar styraciflua*  
*Macropiper excelsum*  
*Magnolia × soulangeana*  
*Magnolia campbellii*  
*Magnolia grandiflora*  
*Magnolia stellata*  
*Malus pumila* (addition by MDW)  
*Melicytus ramiflorus*  
*Meryta sinclairii*  
*Metrosideros excelsa*  
*Michelia doltsopa*  
*Musa × paradisiaca*  
*Nandina domestica*  
*Nerium oleander*  
*Olea europaea*  
*Phormium tenax*  
*Pittosporum crassifolium*  
*Pittosporum eugenioides*

*Pittosporum tenuifolium*  
*Podocarpus totara*  
*Polyspora axillaris*  
*Populus deltoides*  
*Prunus × amygdalus-persica*  
*Prunus campanulata*  
*Prunus cerasifera*  
*Prunus serrulata*  
*Pseudopanax lessonii*  
*Psidium cattleianum*  
*Psidium guajava*  
*Quercus acutissima*  
*Quercus aliena*  
*Quercus palustris*  
*Rhus verniciflua*  
*Robinia pseudocacia*  
*Robinia pseudocacia* 'Frisia' (addition by MDW)  
*Schefflera actinophylla*  
*Schefflera arboricola*  
*Senna septemtrionalis*  
*Solanum aviculare*  
*Solanum crispum*  
*Sophora tetraptera*  
*Stenocarpus sinuatus*  
*Tamarix parviflora*  
*Tecomanthe speciosa*  
*Tilia × europaea*  
*Tipuana tipu*  
*Toona sinensis* 'Flamingo'  
*Vitex lucens*

## Obituary: (Marion) Wendy Patterson (1924-2010)

Ewen K. Cameron

Wendy passed away on 17 November 2010, aged 86. The following obituary is based on my tribute to Wendy shared at her funeral at Purewa Cemetery on 22 November 2010, with extra knowledge added later about her life from her nephew, Chris Patterson.

Wendy (Fig. 1) was a much loved, keen and active member of the Auckland Botanical Society (ABS) for over 20 years. Originally she was a regular attendee of both the monthly meetings and field trips. Because of her slight figure, we used to simply lift her over any fences, until seven years ago when she became too frail for field trips. However, with the assistance of her friend, Margaret Peart, she was able to keep attending the monthly meetings right up to 3 months before her death.

Her interest in botany began while she was still at school in Oamaru where she won a prize for a collection of native plants – she was also dux of Waitaki Girls' Senior School in 1942. (The runner up was Janet Frame!) She then moved on to the University of Otago. She records working hard for her 1945 exams, being rewarded not only with a BA but also winning the John Tinline Scholarship for 2<sup>nd</sup> in English for the whole of New Zealand. That gave her the idea of going overseas to study after firstly finishing her MA (Hons in English & Latin) in 1946.

She attended Auckland Teachers' Training College in 1947 and graduated with a Teachers Certificate; then taught at Southland Girls' High, 1948-49; then on to Somerville College, Oxford University, graduating with