

# LETTER

## Plant Species Lists Available and Sought!

I have about 100 lists of vascular plant species from the Otago-Southland-Fiordland-Stewart Is. area and over 900 in the whole database, with coverage of most areas of the country. Some lists are of general areas but many are of specific tracks or routes.

If any of your members would like know what I have for a specific area they can contact me by e-mail at: GTJane@clear.net.nz (but beware I am away for weeks at a time).

I am also keen to add to the database so I am an avid collector of lists, and would appreciate feedback from Bot. Soc. members around the country.

*Graeme Jane, Tauranga*

## LIST

### List of species lists for Otago and Southland – *Graeme Jane*, 20.1.02

<b>CENTRAL OTAGO</b> Coronet Peak ski area Crystal Walk Shotover River Garvie Mountains Harris Mountains Hector Mountains Kawarau & Cromwell Gr Kawarau Gorge Mt Alta, Wakatipu Nevis Valley Nevis Valley Saddle/Hector Mts Old Man Range Old Woman Range Pisa Range Rastus Burn, Remarkables Remarkables Richardson Mountains Wye Valley, Remarkables	<b>CATLINS</b> Lake Wilkie, Tautuku Bay McLean Falls Tahakopa Coach and Circle Walks Tautuku Bay, Long Point end
<b>OTAGO</b> Clutha etc lowlands Crown Range Dunstan Mountains Eyre Mountains Flagstaff Hill, Dunedin Forbes Mountains Trotters Gorge Umbrella mountains 'Witherow' Is, Clutha River	<b>FIORDLAND</b> Borland Caves Borland Lodge Nature Walk Borland Mire Borland River, N Branch Borland River, S Branch Eglington - Hut Creek Eldrig tops Gertrude Saddle, Homer Tunnel Green Lake, Manapouri Hollyford Valley - Falls Hut Kepler Mire - Manapouri Key Summit Lake Marian, Hollyford Lake Monowai Lake Wakatipu Manapouri, Hope Arm and Back Valley Mangapouri Forest (Howden acquisition) Mistletoe Lake, Te Anau Mt Burns Mt Luxmore, from gates to above hut Titiroa West Arm Manapouri - Percy Saddle Rd

<b>SOUTHLAND</b> Blackmount Station Bluff Hill Scenic Reserve Broadlands Bush Bushy Point QEII, Blake Rd, Otatara Chaslands Clifden Bridge/Waiau river Clifden Scenic Reserve Cooks Scenic Reserve Croydon Bush Dean Burn/Motu Bush Dean Forest Diggers Ridge, J O' Brian's Dunrobin Station, Aparima Dunsdale, Hokonui/Hedgehope Foveaux Walkway, Bluff Homebush, D. O'Brian Lonekers Bush Scenic Reserve Mararoa, Von, Oreti wetlands Marshall Bush SR, Hedgehope Otahu Bush Otatara Scenic Reserve, Invercargill	<b>SOUTHLAND ctd</b> Pt Caroline Scenic Reserve Stony Creek, Croydon Taylors Bush/McLees Turnbull QEII, Hedgehope Waiau River, WHOLE AREA West End Station <b>STEWART ISLAND</b> Adams Hill Anglem Scenic Reserve Bird Is, Foveaux Str -NZJB 4:133 Fernery Walk, Halfmoon Bay Golden Bay Walk, Halfmoon Bay Hellfire Hill Masons Bay Shore St Is Masons Bay to Freshwater Hut Mt Aglem Track Mt Rakeahua Track Rocky Top Ryan's Walk - Halfmoon Bay Swamp Walk, Port William Ulva Is
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*Sites on the West Coast for which Graeme has species lists will be published in the next issue. If you have species lists from any Otago-Southland areas not listed here Graeme would be very grateful if you forwarded them to him – ed.*

## ARTICLE

### Some thoughts of a British botanist visiting New Zealand

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I arrived in Dunedin in September, directly after a month's fieldwork in Japanese Abies forests. It was in the 30's °C when I left Tokyo and 1 °C, dark, and with a howling gale when I eventually stepped off the ancient shuttle bus in the Octagon. I assumed they did not bother with heating during the 6 hour bus journey as it's normally so mild in this part of the world. Why on earth had I travelled all this way when there was a nice British summer to enjoy back at home?

After this inauspicious start, things could only get better and they did. There was an excellent field trip to the west coast, visits to several sites in Otago, Arthur's Pass and a range of sites on the North island. The first thing you notice as a northern hemisphere botanist going into any area of NZ bush is that all the plants are so different to anything you've ever seen before. In Japan, all the plants were familiar either because similar genera grow naturally in the UK or USA where I have also worked, or because the Japanese plants are commonly grown in gardens or as house plants. There are almost no native species common to UK (or Europe or USA) and NZ. So where