

The Otago Museum is the current venue for Nancy Adams' Botanical Drawings "road show" and is on display in the Nature Galleries on the third floor. It's there until the New Year (**Jan. 18**) but hasn't yet received much publicity so I thought most keen botanists would want to avail themselves of the opportunity of scanning a sample of the originals of Nancy's several botanical books. Most spectacular and notable is her "*Seaweeds of New Zealand*" with 441 of more than 600 species brilliantly illustrated. This book won for her a Montana Book Award soon after it was published in 1994. She also produced "*New Zealand Wildflowers*" and "*Mountain Flowers of New Zealand*" on her own, as well as drawings of landscapes and native plants for most of the early National Park booklet series. Nancy also provided the valuable drawings for the well known and much used "*Trees and Shrubs of New Zealand*" with Lindsay Poole and for "*New Zealand Alpine Plants*" with me.

Nancy Adams' Botanical Drawings ctd.

forwarded by *Arlene McDowell*

Approximately 100 botanical watercolours and drawings, which are widely known through reproduction in the many books that Adams has written and illustrated, are now on display in the Nature Galleries in the Otago Museum until 18th January.

Nancy Adams grew up in Wellington and was educated at Wellington Girls College and then at Victoria University where she studied botany and zoology. Adams' contribution to botany in New Zealand has been frequently acknowledged during her career. In 1964 she was awarded the Loder Cup for her work illustrating booklets for the National Parks Board, she was awarded the Queen's Service Order in 1989 and in 1990 she was awarded a Commemorative Medal for services to New Zealand Botany. She has been an honorary research associate of the Te Papa Museum since her retirement in 1987.

These vividly colourful artworks have been created over a 50-year period and have never been exhibited before, so don't miss out! **Admission is free.**

Weekend lichen workshop. Late May 2004

Plans are progressing towards holding a weekend Lichen Workshop towards the end of May next year. Consensus favours a weekend workshop focusing on lichens in Central Otago. Date will be decided by 14 Feb. so final details can put in the next newsletter. To express interest, email: bs0@botany.otago.ac.nz, or phone Allison Knight, 487 8265, or Jennifer Bannister 467 2142. Then we'll arrange the most suitable date.

Tephromela atra, a lichen that's truly cosmopolitan. (It's found throughout the world in all major zones of vegetation). Malcolm & Malcolm, *Weekly Lichen Diary*

