

Random but moderately interesting plants of the Wellington coast: Baring Head to Turakirae Head

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Baring Head: significant communities



- *Coprosma propinqua*-dominated shrubland with *Sophora molloyi*, *Melicytus crassifolius*
- *Raoulia* turf community
- Spinifex, sand tussock, pīngao
- Weed control and restoration planting

Turakirae Head



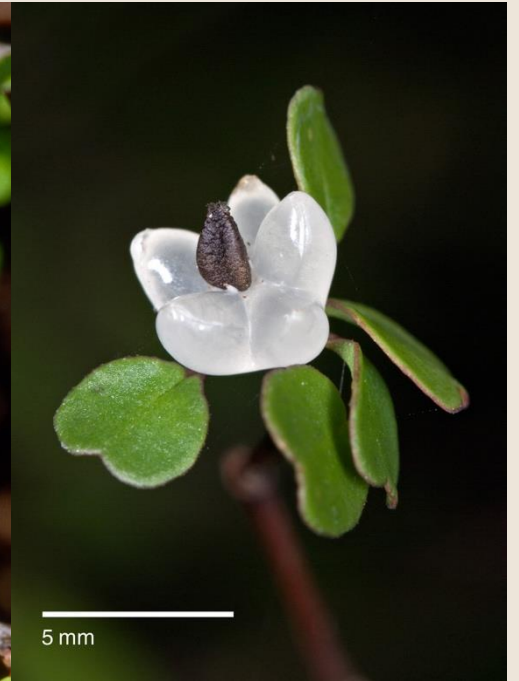
- Mosaic of communities strongly influenced by earthquake history
- 40 vegetation types: rocky shore communities, dry shrublands, wetlands, forest
- > 30 fern species
- 11 orchid species

Muehlenbeckia astonii

Shrubby tororaro

Threatened—Nationally Endangered

- Type locality Palliser Bay
- Very few now survive in North Island



Muehlenbeckia ephedroides Leafless pohuehue

Threatened—Nationally Vulnerable

- A pile of dead sticks?



Eryngium vesiculosum

Sea holly

Threatened—Nationally Vulnerable

- Was At Risk—Declining until latest assessment (in press)



Discaria toumatou

Matagouri

At Risk—Declining

- Widespread east of Southern Alps but very rare in southern North Island



Meliccytus crassifolius

Thick-leaved mahoe

At Risk—Declining

- May rely on geckos for dispersal of fruit
- Type locality Palliser Bay



Ficinia spiralis

Pīngao

At Risk—Declining

- Historical decline
- Restoration plantings at Baring Head doing well



Aciphylla squarrosa

Taramea

At Risk—Declining

- Was Not Threatened until latest assessment (in press)



Brachyglottis greyi

At Risk—Naturally Uncommon

- Baring Head to south Wairarapa coast endemic
- Type locality Palliser Bay



Sophora molloyi

Cook Strait kowhai

At Risk—Naturally Uncommon

- Endemic to Cook Strait
- Type locality Cape Palliser
- Winter flowering



Clematis afoliata

Leafless clematis

Not threatened

- Scattered locations along Wellington coast



Spinifex sericeus

Kowhangatara

Not Threatened

- Significant historical decline along Wellington coastline



Pimelea cryptica

Data Deficient

- Endemic to Wellington coastline
- Type locality Orongorongo River mouth





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