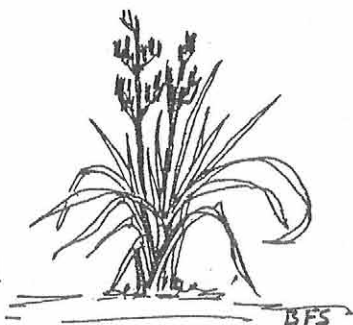


Botanical Society of Otago

Newsletter, 1986 August



Botanical Society of Otago Meetings

Thursday September 18:

Wine and cheese social, plus Coprosma workshop.

7:30pm, in the Botany Department, University of Otago (enter from Cumberland St., through the gate into the back of the Otago Museum, down into their back yard).

Bring your own wine and nibbles.

Bring your own problem Coprosma specimens if you wish, at least the size of a herbarium sheet.

Both activities will be on all evening, partition your time as you wish.

Thursday October 9:

Dr Peter N. Johnson, of DSIR, will talk on:

"Botanical highlights of the Otago Peninsula".

He will make some reference to needs for reservation, and for the management of existing reservations, but the emphasis of the talk will be botanical. With slides, and discussion afterwards.

7:30pm, in the DSIR building, Cumberland St.

Thursday November 13:

Workshop on weed species: 7:00-8:30pm.

Setting up of the tetrad (distribution) recording scheme, with hints on the preparation of voucher specimens for interesting records: 8:30-10:00pm.

In the Botany Department, Otago University (entrance as above).

Activities of Other Societies

Saturday August 30: Dunedin Naturalists Field Club, field trip to Frasers Gully, meet at Frasers Gully

at 1:30pm, own transport arrangements.

Tree Society, tree planting on Abbotsford Slip.

Monday September 1: Dunedin Naturalists Field Club meeting.

Monday, September 8: University Botany Department's annual Tennant Lecture, 5:30pm, in the Hutton Theatre of the Otago Museum (with wine and cheese in the Museum foyer from 5pm to 5:29pm). Given by Dr John Ogden, of Auckland University, on "Tree architecture, forest structure and regeneration in New Zealand Forests". This is a public lecture.

Tuesday September 9: "The Ecology of Kauri Forests", by Dr John Ogden, seminar of the Botany Department, Otago University. 11:30, in the Botany Department's Seminar room (best to enter from Great King or Union Streets, wind your way into the depths of the building; then either look for the balcony of a disused tennis pavilion, or ask). Anyone interested is welcome.

Royal Society meeting: "Models or mysteries? Problems for biologists, by Prof. K. Simkiss of Reading University. Otago Museum, 8:00pm.

Saturday September 13: Dunedin Naturalists Field Club outing to Doctors Point. Meet Railway bus 11am, \$5.

Monday September 15: Dunedin Naturalists Field Club meeting.

Tuesday September 16: Forest and Bird meeting: Peter Child memorial lecture.

Saturday September 20: Forest and Bird field trip to Blue Mountains.

Tuesday September 23: Entomological Society, field trip to Longwood Range (doubtful because of snow).

Sunday October 5: Tree Society, assisting with guide walks of SPCA open day.

Tuesday October 14: Royal Society meeting, "The remarkable eyes of jumping spiders", by Dr L.M. Forster of the Otago Museum.

Monday October 20: Public meeting to find out about the work of the Queen Elizabeth Trust. Ian Williamson of Waimate. Federated Farmers Boardroom, 218 George St, 8:00pm.

Tuesday October 21: Forest and Bird meeting: Wekas.

Wednesday October 22: Ornithological Society, indoor meeting, 8pm in John McGlashan College.

Saturday October 25: Forest and Bird field trip to Omarama. High country gathering.

Sunday November 2: Friends of the Botanical Gardens, first public meeting, in the Visitor Centre, Botanic Gardens, 3pm.

Tuesday November 11: Royal Society, Cockayne Lecture: "Cockayne's Vegetation of New Zealand after 50 years", by Dr P. Wardle of Botany Division DSIR.

Sunday November 16 (or 30): Ornithological Society; Summer Wader Count.

Tuesday November 18: Forest and Bird meeting: "Reserves around Dunedin", by Neville Struthers.

Saturday November 22: Forest and Bird field trip to Waipori wetlands.

Dunedin Young Naturalists Club, for children in forms 1-3, meets fortnightly, 4-5pm on Mondays. Monthly fieldtrips. Occasional camps. Venue flexible at the moment. Enquiries to Lloyd Esler 740-391.

Bot. Soc. of Otago, Flora & Distribution Project

The August meeting of the Bot. Soc. of Otago decided to work towards a flora of the Dunedin coastal area, and a distribution map. The mapping unit is to be the tetrad (2km X 2km). It was suggested that an initial aim might be to cover at least one tetrad in each 10km X 10km grid square (say the southwest one, or a random one).

The Working Group met and formed a more detailed plan:
September: assemble existing information, to produce a first draft.

October: circulate the list, to solicit comments.

November: make the list available for the November meeting, and the start of tetrad recording.

end of 1987: Publish an annotated checklist of the flora of the Dunedin coastal area.

The intention is to cover the area from Shag Point to Nugget point, from the coast to about 25km inland.

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