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| Ecology | Name of item: Putiki Bay | Map reference: 10-10 |
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| Island: Waiheke | SES 9 (Site of Ecological Significance) | |
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Description of Item

A complex of saline wetlands often grading from mangroves up into saltmarshes and then into terrestrial vegetation on the edges. In some places, the saline wetlands grade into freshwater wetlands. Much of the coastal edge is fringed by pohutukawa forest or other native vegetation. The coastal edge vegetation helps to protect the saline wetlands and can also help to stabilise the coastline and slow erosion. A threatened wetland bird, the banded rail (nationally sparse), is reported to use the estuary.



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