



Ecology	Name of item: King Fern Remnant	Map reference: 11-13
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Island: Waiheke	SES 7 (Site of Ecological Significance)	
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Description of Item

This forested gully was reported to have king ferns, or para (*Marattia salicina*). They grow on steep banks along the stream near a waterfall and rely on the presence of forest in the gully to maintain the cool damp conditions they prefer. This spectacular species of fern is in gradual decline in the Auckland Region, but nationally is in serious decline.



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