



Ecology	Name of item: Puke Ridge Forest	Map reference: 13-6
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Island: Waiheke	SES 16 (Site of Ecological Significance)	
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Description of Item

The forests in this area tend to be relatively young, but have some very large old remnant trees within them. Tanekaha and kauri grow on the ridges and upper slopes, whereas tawa, taraire, puriri, kohekohe and nikau are found on the lower slopes and in the gullies. In some of the damp gullies there are stands of swamp maire, an uncommon species in the inner gulf islands. There are a number of large trees that are hybrids between pohutukawa and northern rata. There is also a really large kahikatea in the bottom of the gully in the northern-most part of the forest. Very big kauri and miro are found in the forest.



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