



Ecology	Name of item: Whakanewha (Rocky Bay)	Map reference: 16-7
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Island: Waiheke	SES 33 (Site of Ecological Significance)	
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Description of Item

The Whakanewha area contains a complex of regenerating kanuka and treefern scrub with mature forest remnants. Taraire and tawa forests grow in the gullies, while pohutukawa grow on coastal slopes. Kereru (NZ pigeon) live in the forest, but are in gradual decline nationally. On the coast, there are shellbank areas behind a sandy beach. Here, a number of characteristic native plants grow. The coastal area is also an important habitat for shorebirds, such as the northern New Zealand dotterel, which is considered to be a nationally vulnerable species. The endemic variable oystercatcher breeds here. Reef herons and Caspian terns (which are both nationally vulnerable species) use the foreshore.



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