



Ecology	Name of item: Te Matuku Bay Complex	Map reference: 18-9
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Island: Waiheke	SES 1 (Site of Ecological Significance)	
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Description of Item

Te Matuku Bay is a flock site of international importance for northern New Zealand dotterels (which are classed as nationally vulnerable). The NZ dotterels also breed here. The threatened Caspian tern (nationally vulnerable) breeds here. Variable oystercatchers, an endemic species, nest along the coast. The coastal areas are used by reef herons, a nationally vulnerable species. In summer, several hundred Arctic migrants, such as the bar-tailed godwit or kuaka, feed on the tidal flats at low tide or roost along the beaches at high tide. The wetlands are home to two species that are sparse nationally, the spotless crane and the banded rail. The coastal and wetland systems grade into a forested catchment, which supports a variety of forests ranging from taraire and kohekohe forest in the gullies up to kauri / tanekaha forests with hard beech on the ridges.



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