



Ecology	Name of item: Owhiti Bay Remnants	Map reference: 21-6
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Island: Waiheke	SES 25 (Site of Ecological Significance)	 1:30,000 0 200 400 800 metres
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Description of Item

These remnants of coastal forest and coastal shrublands extend along the coast between Carey Bay and Hooks Bay. They are generally dominated by pohutukawa, often with totara and kanuka, but a wide variety of coastal shrubs and herbs also grow in these areas. These include some threatened and unusual species, such as tawapou (*Pouteria costata*), sickle fern (*Pellaea falcata*), coastal mahoe (*Melicytus novae-zelandiae*) and shore buttercup (*Ranunculus acaulis*). Tawa is common further from the coast. Owhiti Bay itself is numerically the third most important breeding site for northern New Zealand dotterels (a nationally vulnerable species) on Waiheke. Two endemic birds, the New Zealand pipit and the variable oystercatcher also breed around the bay.



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