



Ecology	Name of item: Man O'War Bay Forest	Map reference: 23-29
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Island: Waiheke	SES 2 (Site of Ecological Significance)	
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Description of Item

Largest area of relatively continuous mature forest on Waiheke. Consists of a diverse range of forest types grading from ridge forests down to swamp forests. The ridge forests are mixes of kauri, tanekaha and hard beech. These areas are the largest kauri forest remaining on Waiheke. Broadleaved forests with mainly taraire and kohekohe grow further down the slopes. There are swamp forests in the wettest parts, including the best areas of swamp maire (maire tawake) forest on the island. The forest has some very large individual trees, mainly kauri, but also swamp maire, totara and rimu. Kaka and kereru (NZ pigeon) both live in the forest. Kaka is a nationally endangered species, and kereru are considered to be gradually declining. The forest grades into wetlands, which range through a variety of types from raupo / manuka freshwater wetland through to estuarine saltmarshes with sea rush, jointed wire rush and saltmarsh ribbonwood. The wetlands are important habitat for spotless crane and banded rail, which may be breeding in the area.



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