



Ecology	Name of item: Waikopua Bay Forest	Map reference: 23-31
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Island: Waiheke	SES 18 (Site of Ecological Significance)	
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Description of Item

This is an area of remnant forests surrounded by dense manuka and kanuka. The remnant forests grow in an altitudinal sequence. Mature taraire forest dominates the valleys. Tawa, kohekohe and puriri are also common, while titoki is found occasionally. Nikau is very common in all tiers of the understorey. Kauri and tanekaha dominate the ridges, with pohutukawa, tawa and rewarewa sometimes present. The forest has a dense understorey, reflecting the fencing that was erected in around the 1970s to exclude stock. The forest is older than most of the vegetation along this coast and has some very large and ancient remnant trees. Notable large remnant trees include kauri, hard beech, hinau, tanekaha, miro and possibly the largest rimu on Waiheke. Kaka and kereru are found in the forest. Kaka are nationally endangered, while kereru (NZ pigeon) are considered to be gradually declining.



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