



Ecology	Name of item: Opopo Bay-Huse Bay Shrubland	Map reference: 23-36
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Island: Waiheke	<p>SES 31 (Site of Ecological Significance)</p>	
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Description of Item

Very extensive block of regenerating forest. On the ridges, the vegetation is mainly kanuka or manuka with young kauri and tanekaha and sometimes hard beech. Occasionally there is an older patch of kauri forest. In the gullies, the vegetation is taraire or tawa forest with nikau and treeferns and some kahikatea. There are some large remnant trees growing in the forest, such as puriri. Pohutukawa forests grow on the coast. Other species present include tanekaha and occasionally mangeao. Kaka (nationally endangered) and kereru (NZ pigeon, gradual decline nationally) are found in the forest. Reef herons (nationally vulnerable) are present and endemic variable oystercatchers breed along the coast.



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