



Ecology	Name of item: Omaru Bay Forest	Map reference: 25-12
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Island: Waiheke	SES 30 (Site of Ecological Significance)	
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<p style="text-align: center;">Description of Item</p> <p>A remnant of taire forest with large emergent kahikatea stands in the gully, with a mixed forest further up the slope. This mixed forest has mamangi, rewarewa, tawa, miro and lancewood. Up on the exposed ridge, the vegetation is kanuka, with some pohutukawa, tanekaha and kauri. The understorey throughout the forest is quite dense as the area has been fenced to prevent stock access. Kereru (NZ pigeon, a species in gradual decline nationally) and tui are found in the forest. The saltmarsh near the coast contains jointed wire rush, saltmarsh ribbonwood, mangroves and the fern <i>Hypolepis distans</i>. Pied stilts breed in the saltmarsh. The covenanted area surrounding the forest and the wetland is included.</p>	
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