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Island: Rotoroa	<b>SES 35</b> (Site of Ecological Significance)	
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**Description of Item**

Discontinuous fragments of coastal forest, shrubland and regenerating forest that are almost all in the coastal area. These grow interspersed with areas dominated by pines. Pohutukawa grow on the coastal cliffs, sometimes in association with other coastal species, such as karo, karamu, mahoe, houpara, rengarenga, kowharawhara, akepiro, wiwi and wharanui. In places, the coastal vegetation is younger and does not have the large pohutukawa trees. Many of the species found in pohutukawa forest are present, although kanuka, manuka, mapou and mahoe are more common. On the slopes away from the coast and occasionally on the ridges on the coast, the vegetation is dominated by kanuka. In accessible areas, this vegetation may be undergrazed. A range of indigenous forest birds and other fauna use these areas. The coastal margins below the identified forests and shrublands are suitable habitat for coastal birds, such as variable oystercatchers and reef herons.



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