



Ecology	Name of item: Rangitoto	Map reference: 30-58
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Island: Rangitoto	SES 42 (Site of Ecological Significance)	
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Description of Item

An internationally significant recent basalt volcano with unique vegetation. This island supports a range of pohutukawa-dominated shrublands and forests. These grow in patterns that respond to the size of the basalt boulders and to the availability of water in different parts of the lava flows. A wide range of species more commonly found growing up in tree branches on the mainland are found growing on the ground at Rangitoto. These include puka (*Griselinia lucida*) and Kirk's daisy. Ferns and orchids are prolific since the eradication of possums and wallabies. NZ dotterels (nationally vulnerable) and blue penguins (gradual decline) breed along the coast. Moko skinks and egg-laying skinks (range restricted) are also present.



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