



Ecology	Name of item: Ohinerau Bay	Map reference: 31-4
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Island: Motuihe	SES 38 (Site of Ecological Significance)	 1:7,000 metres
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Description of Item

Ohinerau Bay is a flock site of international importance for northern New Zealand dotterels (which are classed as nationally vulnerable), with more than 1% of the total population gathered here outside the breeding season. Five to six pairs of New Zealand dotterels also breed in the bay. Reef herons and Caspian terns (which are both nationally vulnerable species) and the endemic variable oystercatcher also use the bay. Some valleys of tall mainly taraire forest run down to the sandflats, meeting with pohutukawa forest closer to the coast.



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