

Punatapu/Bob's Cove

An area of botanical significance.



Walk the Bob's Cove Bridle Track to see a fragmented snapshot of the original, pre-European vegetation that likely cloaked the shores of Whakatipu-wai-Māori. Human interventions, including burning to make way for grazing, have left only small remnants of these ancient forests

Plants do not grow in silos; they form communities that interact with one another and other organisms. The Bob's Cove plant community is a mixture of beech, podocarp and broadleaf shrubs and trees. The location and growth of specific plants within this community is determined by rainfall, temperature gradients, soil, relief and natural disturbances.

Podocarp species hark back to the ancient Gondwana continent that this land was once a part of, and this area marks the eastern limit for these types of trees, which need a lot of moisture to grow. Close to the lake edge, the track passes through one of the Whakatipu's last remaining mature stands of red beech, while mountain beech dominates the upper, cooler slopes of the track.

Southern rātā can be seen on the rocky outcrops where there is plenty of light but only a thin layer of soil. A variety of small-leaved trees grow in the shade below the canopy, sheltered from the sun. Spot the mataī, one of Aotearoa's forest giants. It's rare in this area and Bob's Cove is home to a few of the remaining handful in the Whakatipu basin.



About the Whakatipu Reforestation Trust

We restore native biodiversity through advocacy, collaboration and community education.

For over ten years, our volunteers have been growing plants local to this area at the Jean Malpas Community Nursery and planting them out at strategic revegetation sites. Our vision? A Whakatipu Basin that hums with native plants, insects and birdlife.



Our volunteers help with:

- Eco-sourced seed collection
- Native plant propagation
- Nursery operations
- Planting days in spring and autumn
- Site maintenance
- Trust administration



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Plant Hunt

How many will you find?

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Restoring native biodiversity to the Whakatipu Basin



Matai
Prumnopitys taxifolia



Kōwaowao
Zealandia pustulata subsp. pustulata



Makomako
Aristotelia serrata



Waewaeakoukou
Pseudodiphasium volubile



Tāwiniwini
Gaultheria antipoda



Southern rātā
Metrosideros umbellata



Kakaha
Astelia fragrans



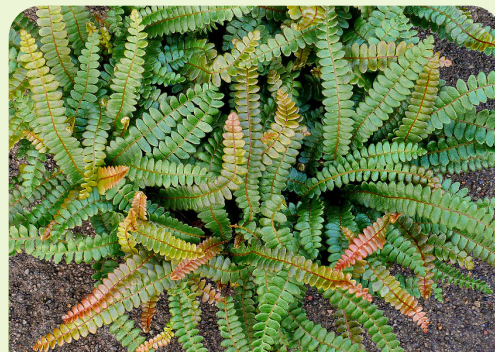
Whekī
Dicksonia squarrosa



Mountain beech
Fuscopora cliffortioides



Red beech
Fuscopora fusca



Alpine hard fern
Austroblechum penna-marina
subsp. *alpina*



Maidenhair
Adiantum cunninghamii