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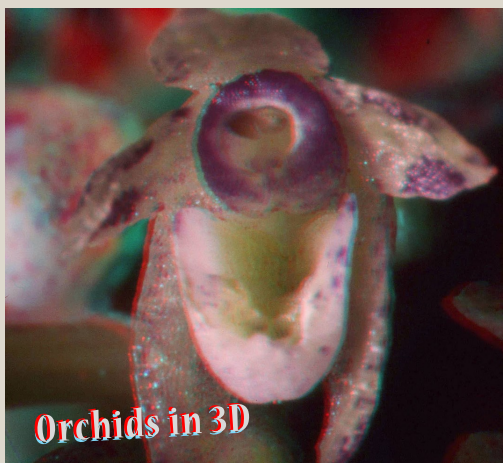
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From the Chair: Gael Donaghy



Kia ora tatou

This edition will cover a range of topics, from some decisions made at the AGM in December to tagalong orchid hunting, and a trip to Northland.

At our AGM in November, we held a discussion around AGMs, Field Days (attached to the AGM), and Tagalongs, which have been attached to AGMs for 2023 and 2024. Prior to this, we held an AGM with two or three days in the field. With the growth in participants in the Tagalongs, the organization has become a much bigger task. We discussed the possibility of members running shorter Tagalongs in their areas, and over the days in the field, this was discussed and supported by many members.

As I am stepping down from the Chairperson role at the 2025 AGM, I think I have organized my last Tagalong! Phew! I will be organizing the AGM and Field Days venue and had hoped to be able to advertise it in this issue, but I have not had an answer to my accommodation queries yet. Information will be posted on the Facebook page and members will be asked for their opinions on a couple of possible venues.

Our tagalong was later in 2024, so we could see a range of *Thelymitra*, among other species – see the lists elsewhere in this journal. My favourite was *T. nervosa* with its

spotted dark mauve flowers, though it would have had a competitor if I had seen the *T. formosa* others saw when they climbed higher than I did.

Many people contributed to the success of our time around Petone and up the Wairarapa. I would like to especially mention Pat Enright, Cheryl Dawson, Ian St George, and Bill Campbell, who all know the area well and made it possible to run a tagalong in an area I did not know.

Thank you to everyone who contributed species lists for each day. I sent them to Pat Enright, who was working with Wellington Greater Regional Council, who have come up with a track maintenance protocol so that orchids are not obliterated from track-sides during track work. An unexpected but positive contribution made by the group to orchid conservation.

Lastly, Graeme and I visited Northland with the Auckland Botanical Society at Auckland Anniversary Weekend. Bill Campbell and Kevin Matthews, both NZNOG members, were our guides. Bill showed us *Spiranthes novae-zelandiae* and *Taeniophyllum*, which looks like a tiny segmented green worm, on a feijoa bush. One of the group works at the Auckland Botanic Gardens (ABG), and the landowner gave her a potted feijoa plant with a *Taeniophyllum* plant on it to take back to the ABG. There was a mini orchid trip to her car once we got back to camp. There are Botanical Societies in most areas, and if you join, you can get to all sorts of places where there may be orchids.

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Calochilus paludosus



Rachel Taylor

December 2024 | West Coast

The 2025 New Zealand Native Orchid Group Annual General Meeting and Tagalong

30 November

Wainuiomata Ridge Track

There were a lot of plonkers on the track. From the overbridge we took the ridge southward towards Mt Lowry, with a short detour down a southern trail. The plonkers, according to Graeme Jane, are ‘p-long’, offspring of *Thelymitra pauciflora* and *T. longifolia*. Species familiar to local members were a delight to those of us from afar—showing the value of our annual tagalongs being in diverse regions of the motu (country). It was the first time this southerner had seen *Pterostylis cardiostigma* in flower, and in seed, despite knowing of it since Dot Cooper and Gordon Sylvester found it on these hills. When Hui found a 17 cm *Corybas cryptanthus* seed head, Gael brought the Field Guide into play to explain the description. A rock outcrop hosting healthy *Dendrobium cunninghamii* was just revealing its first flowers. The unattended would have missed a substantial colony of *Bulbophyllum pygmaeum*. “Smacks you in the face”, said Bill, to those who had just walked past it. A hunt for a flowering *Caladenia nothofageti* ended in vain, with Bill claiming “The flowers stand out like nothing else”. Not only did flowers leap off the pages of the field guide into real life, but members who had previously been just names started to become new friends.



Drymoanthus adversus

Lawrence Porter | Wainuiomata

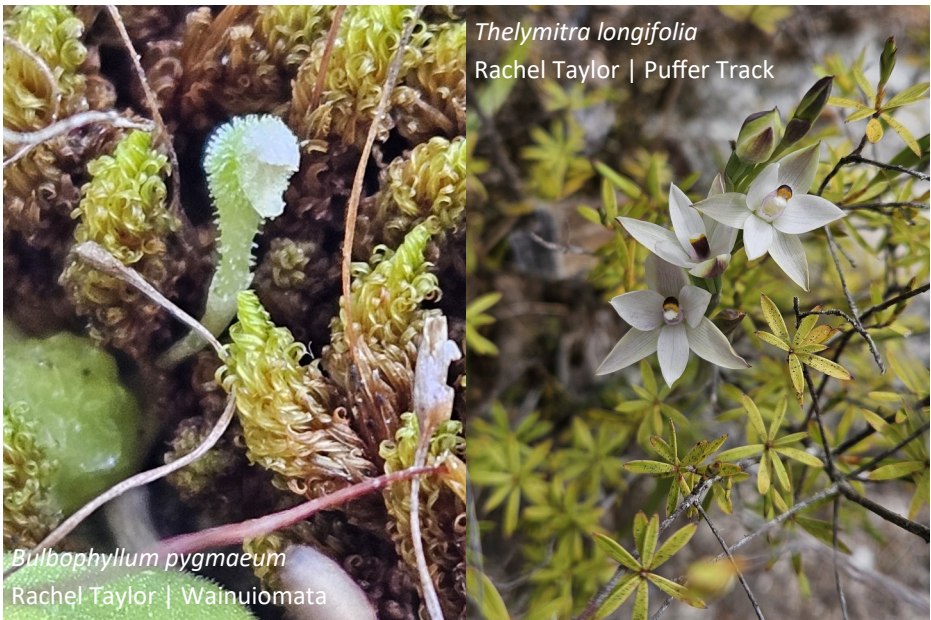
The NZNOG Tai Chi pose
Rachel Taylor | Wainuiomata

1 December Puffer Track and Smiths Creek Track

Sunday dawned with clear skies and the promise of a pleasant day exploring in the region of the Puffer and Smiths Creek Tracks in the southern Taranaki Range. Those who set out from the carpark were quickly into the thick of things, with orchids aplenty to keep everyone well occupied. Debate was soon in full swing as to whether it was this species or that one, particularly in relation to those specimens with flowers in the early stages of development or well past their best. The more intrepid members of the group were convinced by Ian that it wasn't far to the *Corybas dienemus* site but 'not far' turned into quite a hike. Indy and Bill managed to make their way into the off-track site and were rewarded with the site of a very healthy colony. Worth the hike it was decided and probably the highlight of the trip for those two at least. All in all, a great day out, with plenty to keep those who participated happy.

2 December Remutaka Saddle Track

Monday marked the start of the Tagalong tour, and we headed up to the Remutaka Saddle Track. Meeting up with Rachael, who was on her way to Auckland, we set off; our battle through the blustering wind was rewarded with a solitary plant of *Thelymitra formosa*, less than a week from flowering. Those who continued got to see a single plant of *Caladenia nothofageti* growing in a very atypical habitat. After stopping for lunch, we ascended the Remutaka Trig Track and saw many lovely species, including a huge bank covered in *Corybas* two hundred meters down the road. Five of us went to check out a track in the Stokes Valley and although we didn't find anything particularly exciting, it was nice to explore that area.



3 December Remutaka Trig Track + Lake Wairarapa + Stokes Valley

The group ventured out to the Remutaka Trig Track to find a total of 15 species including *Pterostylis cardiostigma* and *Thelymitra colensoi* and a roadside stop showed up some damp habitat with *Corybas iridescens* and *C. hatchii* with some *Pterostylis* and *Microtis*. A visit to Lake Wairarapa included several road stops and many epiphytic orchids including *Dendrobium cunninghamii* in full flower, and a population of *Pterostylis porrecta* in a tiny area. The day finished with a visit to Horoeka Scenic Reserve which turned up flowering *Corybas oblongus*, *Microtis unifolia* and *Pterostylis cardiostigma*.

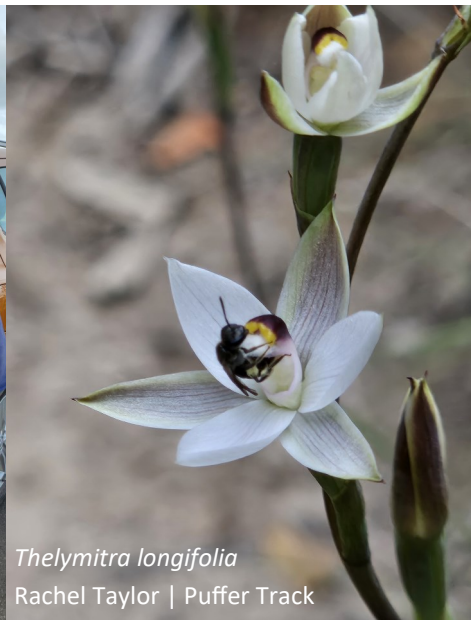
4 December Masterton

Today's mission was to find the known site of *Gastrodia cooperae*. Arrangements had been made with the landowner to access the site. The convoy headed off and the landowner lead us to the location – a valley of pine trees then a climb up through the bush to the site. Indy spotted *Gastrodia sesamoides* in the pines. The *Gastrodia cooperae* had been marked with ribbon tags by researchers monitoring the site, and they were about 3 cm high, still a month from flowering. Other species spotted were *Acianthus sinclairii*, *Pterostylis* aff. *banksii*, *Corybas* aff. *trilobus*, *Microtis unifolia*, and *Thelymitra longifolia*.

Next off to Kiriwhakapapa Loop track in the Tararua Ranges – a gentle forest walk through some stunning redwood trees and native bush. *Pterostylis banksii* and *P. cardiostigma* were seen in the forest. *Earina autumnalis*, *E. mucronata* and *Dendrobium cunninghamii* were in the bush, with *Corybas cheesemani*, *C. aff. trilobus*, and *Gastrodia minor*.



Boot fixing with gaffa tape
Gael Donaghy



Thelymitra longifolia
Rachel Taylor | Puffer Track

The party then split into two – a small group heading back along the Masterton - Castlepoint road to Rewanui Forest Park – the rewarewa forest was dense and dark, but Melanie found *Drymoanthus adversus* on a fallen branch. In the open grasslands there was *Thelymitra longifolia* and *Microtis unifolia*.

The other group headed to Mount Bruce. *Earina autumnalis* and *E. mucronata*, *Dendrobium cunninghamii*, *Gastrodia cunninghamii* and *Microtis sp.* were observed.

5 December Masterton

Based at Masterton, the day was spent on Barra Track starting at Upper Waingawa road end. The weather was extremely windy, and we spent more time keeping our balance than orchid sighting!

6 December Āpiti Track

After packing up from our Masterton sleepout, we travelled to the start of the Āpiti Track where we were met by Cheryl, a local member who had been so helpful in helping the group find places to go, and her tramping buddy, Marilyn. We started up the track in forest, but were soon in scrub. We were soon photographing orchids. Surprising to me was the lovely range of *Pterostylis* species still in good flower. I photographed five in all (see species list for the day), with some especially beautiful specimens of *P. subsimilis*, with chocolate-coloured laterals and dorsal sepals. The most unusual *Pterostylis* was a clump of “ghost” *P. banksii*, with completely white flowers on green leaves with a white mid-rib. The group got very strung out at this point, as it took a long time for everyone to have a go at photographing it.



Pterostylis porrecta
Indy Marshall | Lake Wairarapa

Photographing *P. porrecta* –
Gael Donaghy

As we climbed higher we started seeing *Thelymitra nervosa*, just opening as the day warmed up. The only other *Thelymitra* were *T. purpureofusca* in flower and *T. longifolia* in bud. Also appearing in flower as we climbed were *Caladenia chlorostyla*, both red and green-stemmed plants. They had been finished at lower altitudes. To end a great day in the field, Cheryl took us to another track end where there were *Orthoceras novae-zeelandiae* in full flower.

7 December Morecock Saddle

The 7th of December saw 11 of us car pooling to head up to the Morecock Saddle. The end of Kashmir Road. Not for the faint hearted. Great driving on Lane's part in his vehicle. The track split into two at the car park. Left hand track produced a good variety of species. Mainly *Pterostylis* and a surprising find of a *Gastrodia minor*. The second track had mostly the same species with a *Corybas macranthus* still in flower. All up 20 different species across 9 genera were found on the day.

8 December Sunrise Track

All packed up and ready for our last day of the tagalong. Our numbers were down so it was a bit easier to share finds. Some of the party did the lower loop while a few ventured higher towards Sunrise Hut. I did the lower loop so this description covers this area. There were quite a few *Corybas* in the area, well over of course, some with seed heads emerging from below the leaf and some closer to the leaf. Another trip for another day! There was a very puzzling *Pterostylis* here. It was a very small plant, about 5 cm tall, with lax lateral sepals, making it look like *P. porrecta*. The flower was facing into a fern stipe so we couldn't see the labellum, and efforts to photograph it tripped it anyway. When I put it on iNaturalist some



people agreed it was *P. porrecta*. (Photo attached). It was interesting to observe the calisthenics of some people as they attempted to photograph it!

There were some *P. graminea* still in good flower, but other species were at seeding stage. There were two *Gastrodia* here, *G. minor* and *G. cunninghamii* – both in flower, but only a few plants. People who ventured higher were pleased to see *Adenochilus gracilis* in flower.

So the tagalong was over for the year, with many orchids seen, although not as many *Thelymitra* as I had hoped, and no-one got lost. We said our good-byes and scattered to the four winds, like orchid seeds on the breeze!

Thanks to all those who contributed and recorded notes during the AGM and tagalong (Melanie Brigden, Bill Campbell, Indy Marshall, Max Hill, Hui Syn Chan, Gael Donaghy & Emmy Pratt).

Annual General Meeting 2025

Be prepared for an AGM venue in the Waikato region later this year, and keep your eyes peeled for notices advertising local tagalong events organised by members throughout the year. Updates for both will be posted on the Facebook group.



Max photographing orchids
Melanie Brigden



Prasophyllum colensoi
Lawrence Porter | Smith Creek

AGM and Tagalong Species Lists

fl—flowering, fr—fruiting, l—leaves, b—buds, x—present, ? - ID uncertain

Species	30-Nov	01-Dec	02-Dec	03-Dec	04-Dec
<i>Acianthus sinclairii</i>					fr
<i>Aporostylis bifolia</i>		fl	x		
<i>Bulbophyllum pygmaeum</i>	fl				
<i>Caladenia chlorostyla</i>	fl	x	x	x	
<i>Caladenia lyallii</i>		x	x	x	
<i>Caladenia nothofageti</i>			x		
<i>Caladenia variegata</i>				x	
<i>Chiloglottis cornuta</i>	fl	fr	x	x	
<i>Corybas cheesemanii</i>	fr				
<i>Corybas cryptanthus</i>	?				
<i>Corybas dienemus</i>		x		x	
<i>Corybas hatchii</i>				x	
<i>Corybas iridescens</i>				x	
<i>Corybas macranthus</i>		?			
<i>Corybas oblongus</i>	x	fl	x	fl	
<i>Corybas 'Remutaka'</i>	x				
<i>Corybas trilobus</i> s.l.					x
<i>Dendrobium cunninghamii</i>	fl	x	x	fl	
<i>Drymoanthus adversus</i>	x				
<i>Drymoanthus flavus</i>	x				
<i>Earina aestivalis</i>				b	
<i>Earina autumnalis</i>	x		x	x	
<i>Earina mucronata</i>	x	x	x	fr	
<i>Gastrodia cooperae</i>					x
<i>Gastrodia cunninghamii</i>	fl				
<i>Gastrodia sesamoides</i>					fl
<i>Gastrodia</i> sp.		x			
<i>Microtis</i> sp.			x		
<i>Microtis unifolia</i>	fl		x	fl	fl

AGM and Tagalong Species Lists

Species	30-Nov	01-Dec	02-Dec	03-Dec	04-Dec
<i>Orthoceras novae-zelandiae</i>	b	x			
<i>Prasophyllum colensoi</i>		fl	x	x	
<i>Pterostylis alobula</i>	x			l	
<i>Pterostylis banksii</i>	x		x	x	?
<i>Pterostylis cardiostigma</i>	x			fl	
<i>Pterostylis graminea</i>	x	x		l	
<i>Pterostylis montana</i>			x	x	
<i>Pterostylis porrecta</i>			x	x	
<i>Pterostylis trullifolia</i>		x			
<i>Thelymitra colensoi</i>		?	x	x	
<i>Thelymitra cyanea</i>			x	x	
<i>Thelymitra formosa</i>			x		
<i>Thelymitra hatchii</i>	?	x		x	
<i>Thelymitra ixioides</i>		?			
<i>Thelymitra longifolia</i>	fl	fl	x	b	x
<i>Thelymitra nervosa</i>			x	x	
<i>Thelymitra pauciflora</i>	x				
<i>Thelymitra pulchella</i>		x	x	x	
<i>Thelymitra x dentata</i>		?			



AGM and Tagalong Species Lists

Species	05-Dec	06-Dec	06-Dec	08-Dec
<i>Adenochilus gracilis</i>				fl
<i>Aporostylis bifolia</i>	x	b	x	
<i>Caladenia big leaves</i>		fr		
<i>Caladenia chlorostyla</i>	x	fl	x	fr
<i>Caladenia nothofageti</i>				fl
<i>Chiloglottis cornuta</i>	x	fr		x
<i>Corybas hatchii</i>	?	fr		
<i>Corybas macranthus</i>		x	x	x
<i>Corybas oblongus</i>	x	fr	x	
<i>Corybas</i> sp.				x
<i>Corybas trilobus</i> s.l.		x		x
<i>Drymoanthus adversus</i>	x			
<i>Earina autumnalis</i>				x
<i>Earina mucronata</i>	x			fr
<i>Gastrodia cunninghamii</i>	x			fl
<i>Gastrodia minor</i>	x		x	b
<i>Microtis oligantha</i>			x	
<i>Microtis unifolia</i>	x	l	x	b
<i>Orthoceras novae-zelandiae</i>		b	x	
<i>Prasophyllum colensoi</i>		fl	x	
<i>Pterostylis alobula</i>	x			
<i>Pterostylis banksii</i>	x	fl		fr
<i>Pterostylis cardiostigma</i>				fr
<i>Pterostylis graminea</i>			x	fl
<i>Pterostylis irsoniana</i>		x	?	x
<i>Pterostylis montana</i>	x	fl	x	l
<i>Pterostylis patens</i>		?	x	fr
<i>Pterostylis porrecta</i>				?
<i>Pterostylis subsimilis</i>		fl		
<i>Thelymitra hatchii</i>				b

AGM and Tagalong Species Lists

Species	05-Dec	06-Dec	06-Dec	08-Dec
<i>Thelymitra longifolia</i>	x	b		b
<i>Thelymitra nervosa</i>		fl		
<i>Thelymitra pauciflora</i>	x			
<i>Thelymitra purpureofusca</i>		fl		fl
<i>Thelymitra</i> sp.	x			
<i>Thelymitra</i> x <i>dentata</i>				b



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Gael Donaghy
December 2024 | Tagalong tour

▼ *Pterostylis cardiostigma*

Pterostylis banksii ▲

Indy Marshall

December 2024 | Tagalong tour



‘Ngā Tapuwae ō Townson’

Footsteps of Townson



6—7 December 2025

Join your NZNOG West Coast regional contacts for a weekend based out of Westport, following in the footsteps of William Townson. Explore the Denniston Plateau and surrounding area and meet other members of the group. For more information on William Townson, see Ian St George's recent biography, "A most delightful pursuit". You can get a copy here:

<https://onadmiralroad.co.nz/william-lewis-townson/>

Further details will be communicated via the NZNOG Members Facebook group, or if you do not have Facebook, get in touch with Melanie (meanieb1@gmail.com) to register your interest.



Denniston Plateau

Arthur's Pass Orchid Foray

Melanie Brigden and Gordon Sylvester

An invitation from the Canterbury Botanical Society was received to carry out a joint orchid foray to the Arthur's Pass area in December 2025. Due to a menacing weather system involving high winds and heavy rain, this trip was cancelled. Despite the forecast, NZNOG members Melanie and Gordon were determined to go anyway.

The wind was a factor of the trip, strong and gusty, but no rain was observed until we arrived at Wild Irishman's Bluff when we noted the head of the valley was looking slightly murky. Hmmm.

Gusty conditions greeted us at Greyney's Shelter where we found a full car park. Starting on the southern end of the track first up was *Chiloglottis cornuta* in flower and leaves providing evidence of quite a good amount of plants. Immediately above was our first *Corybas*, no flower but a *macranthus* leaf and next up was *Pterostylis oliveri*. The whole track was well covered with flowering plants on both sides. All species observed were abundant. At this point we spotted our first *Gastrodia*, potentially *G. cooperae*.

Next in our sight was *Adenochilus gracilis* looking very lonely, but not for long. Another bumper year for flowering. About this time we bumped into some members of the Canterbury Botanical Society who had braved the weather independently. They had seen four species of *Pterostylis* not conversant with them, however, that problem was soon sorted out with the help of the field guide.

We went our separate ways and it was about now the rain arrived as light showers. We noted a proliferation of *P. oliveri*, with a lot of plants flowering. The best showing since 2014-16. Why this was occurring we had no idea. Did it indicate a rise, peak, regress, and dormancy spread over a six–eight year period? If so what is the trigger? The same process was noted with *C. cornuta*, *A. gracilis*, and *G. cooperae*(?). It was a bumper year for various genera. *Thelymitra* species started to appear, either *T. formosa*, *T. hatchii*, or *T. pauciflora*. All tightly closed due to the weather conditions. A different *Pterostylis* started to appear; very short with large floral parts similar to specimens seen at Franz Josef and in the Seaward Bush colony near Invercargill. Intermixed was another *Pterostylis* much like *banksii* but sepals indicating something different. The rain was setting in hard at this point. More *Gastrodia* were noted, the same species as earlier, along with another *Pterostylis* species. This one had been noted in the past both at Greyney's and Kelly's with a very large flower and quite tall for this environment at 28 cm.

Arriving at the west end of the track *Caladenia lyalli* was clearly evident. This species was last seen here in 2016, and a single plant only. This time some twenty plants, all open were noted. *Adenochilus gracilis* was plentiful in flower on the open side of the track.

As we were getting wetter it was decided not to go to the big *Pterostylis* site. A brief look revealed that a "herd of elephants" had trampled the herbage around the site, all flowers had been triggered. Another visit in more clement conditions is warranted.

The other group had observed *Pterostylis irsoniana*, showing a photo to us. We didn't locate this species, due to the by now very wet conditions.

An excellent trip despite the weather, with 7 genera and 11 species observed.

News

Our very own **Ian St George** recently received a Distinguished Alumnus Award from his old school, Saint Kentigern College. The award recognises his career in medicine, but also his contributions to knowledge of Aotearoa's native orchids and history and is certainly very well deserved. His daughter added the caption to the below image.



You may have noticed that there has been a delay in the printed journals at the end of last year. **The NZNOG is moving to a new system where the printer posts journals directly to members.** Hopefully journals will be arriving more on time from this edition onwards. Please let me know if there are any issues with this new system by contacting carali-sa95@gmail.com — NZNOG Journal Editor

There is a **new scientific journal managed by ePress (Unitec) called *Perspectives in Biodiversity*.** It is intended to cover a broad range of topics and allow researchers to publish natural history discoveries as peer-reviewed articles, with a focus on Australasia and the Pacific. <https://www.unitec.ac.nz/epress/index.php/perspectives-in-biodiversity/>

NZPCN is seeking photos of specific plants which are currently lacking images to improve their website. Among these is *Microtis arenaria*. If you have good images and would be willing for these to be used on the website, please get in touch with info@nzpcn.org.nz.



Gastrodia and dormancy

Ian St George

In 1998 I wrote, “On 31 January Ken Wright of the Wellington Regional Council introduced me to Bartons Bush in the Trentham Memorial Park; he had cleared it of possums three years ago, and now *Gastrodia* were turning up everywhere you looked under the tawa. Large colonies of *G. aff. sesamoides* [*G. sesamoides* now]... even larger colonies (up to 18 spikes) of the yellow flowered and scented *G. “long column”* [*G. molloyi* now].” But when I took Eric Scanlen there the following year we found only one plant. Years later I found dozens of *G. molloyi* in beech forest near Kinloch, Wakatipu. In the subsequent years that I got down here to look, there were none – until 2024 when, again, plants were plentiful.

In green terrestrials sprouting – emerging from the ground - provides leaves for energy production by photosynthesis, as well as an elevated reproductive system that attracts (usually flying) pollinators. The *Gastrodia* adult is fully mycotrophic: it is a nonphotosynthetic plant so gets all of its food from the fungi that it parasitises; sprouting therefore has only one purpose, reproduction.

Does this orchid have “dormant” years in which it doesn’t sprout? (“*Dormancy is a survival strategy that allows plants to survive in harsh conditions by stopping growth and conserving energy*”).

Some terrestrial orchids do have dormant years. In Minnesota Sather and Anderson (2010) counted flowering plants of the western prairie fringed orchid (*Platanthera praeclara*), every year at 20 sites for 17 years. In a preliminary analysis of data from 1986 to 1994, up to 12% of plants were dormant each year, with over 30% experiencing dormancy of one to three years. Across all years at two sites, average life spans were 4–8 years, with individual plants surviving 22–26 years

with episodes of dormancy.

I think that happens with *Calochilus robertsonii* at Iwitihi: every year there are a few plants in places they haven’t been seen before and a few places where plants used to be but are not now.

One US blog tells readers, “When stressed, these plants can enter into a vegetative dormancy, existing entirely underground for years until the right conditions return for them to grow and bloom. Cryptic dormancy periods like this can make assessing populations quite difficult. Orchids that were happy and flowering one year can be gone the next... and the next... and the next....” Furthermore,

By observing the presence and abundance of a family of orchid associated fungi known as Russulaceae, researchers found that the abundance of mycorrhizal fungi in the environment is directly related to whether or not an orchid will emerge.... the abundance of mycorrhizal fungi is not only related to prior emergence of these plants but could also be used as a predictor of future emergence.

The species they studied was a pogonia, the green terrestrial *Isotria medeoloides*. It seems to me that a plant fully reliant on its soil fungus, like *Gastrodia*, should react to the abundance of its fungus in the same way.

Sprouting, flowering, producing fragrant volatiles and setting seed take a lot of energy. A non-green orchid may need more time to recover than a green orchid.

But can we say of a nongreen orchid, in a year that it does not sprout, that it is dormant, stressed, that the conditions for it to emerge and bloom are too harsh? We can’t see what it is doing underground, can we? And why does it seem, in my two obser-

vations of *Gastrodia molloyi* at least, that not only individual plants, but almost the whole population does not sprout in one or more seasons?

Is there a general, presumably climatic, negative influence on the soil fungus? Or could it be that their tubers are just resting, not at all stressed, accumulating energy in an excellent year for fungi?

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Ian St George

November 2024 | Wairarapa

▼ *Caladenia variegata*

Microtis unifolia ▲

Indy Marshall

December 2024 | Tagalong tour



Upcoming Events

12—14 May 2025

Environmental Defence Society

EDS Conference “Dollars & Sense”, Tāmaki Makaurau | Auckland

22 May 2025

International Day for Biological Diversity

7 June 2025

Canterbury Botanical Society

Annual General Meeting, Christchurch.

1—7 September 2025

Te Wiki Tiaki Ao Tūroa / Conservation Week

October 2025

Environment Institute of Australia and New Zealand Inc.

EIANZ Annual Conference, Perth

6—7 December 2025

New Zealand Native Orchid Group

‘Ngā Tapuwae ō Townson’ Field Trip, Westport.

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Mentally or physically prepare a list of likely finds for the area you are visiting. If a physical list, jot down the habitat.

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Hugo Innes

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▼ *Dendrobium cunninghamii*

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