

Te Matuku Scenic Reserve

Moth Plant Control

DOC Contract 2941697

Contractor: Weedfree Waiheke

SECOND PERIOD: 8th - 10th February 2017
MU1 Pohutukawa Paddock

Volunteer hours worked alongside contractors:

8th 8hrs
9th 2hrs
10th 8 hrs

Total: 18 hrs

The current treatment area is difficult & in places dangerous, with steep slopes & numerous hidden tripping hazards. The contractor has exhibited efficiency & skill in this situation.

I'm impressed with the level of awareness of pod/seed development shown. You will see in the photos how the largest pods found so far have been treated. Seed is still immature but quite capable of ripening in-pod if not properly dessicated.

My work now includes identifying major hotspots (abundant/common) allowing Nona's own site search to focus on smaller infestations (frequent/rare), a further efficiency.

A single tanekaha seedling (1m) was uncovered, the only sighting of this species in MU1 control area to date, unlike mangeao which are found more regularly here than anywhere else in the reserve.



