

FIGURE 17. Forest birds on the ground, vulnerable to cat predation.

(Above) Parea (pigeon). Photo Department of Conservation.

(Below) Red-crowned parakeet (kakariki). Photo Geoff Walls.





FIGURE 18 Chatham Island tomtit, male. A small bird beginning to thrive again where forest quality is recovering, such as in Caravan Bush and the Glory Block. Photo Rob Chappell.



FIGURE 19 Chatham Island snipe, a ground-dwelling bird that would naturally re-establish on Pitt Island, especially places like Rangiauria, if cat numbers were lowered. Photo Department of Conservation.



FIGURE 20. Threatened insects of the Chathams.

(Above) The Pitt Island longhorn, now possibly as rare as the black robin. Apparently dependent on karamu, it could still be hanging on in the Waipaua Block of Pitt Island Scenic Reserve.

(Below) The coxella weevil, totally reliant on soft-leaved speargrass. Although the speargrass is recovering from stock impact at Rangiauria, the weevil is still highly vulnerable to predation by mice, weka, and pigs.

Photos John Marris.

