



Figure 5: Plot 7, Glory Block, Pitt Island Scenic Reserve
Above: December 1987 *Below:* March 1993
Flax has appeared amongst the rank grassland. The tarahinau tree on the right
has produced a basal shoot.





Figure 6: Plot 9, Peat dome, Waipaua Block, Pitt Island Scenic Reserve

Above: Tarahinau trees, remnants of the former forest cover, and low vegetation browsed and trampled by sheep, cattle and pigs.

Below: Close-up of that low vegetation, showing numerous tarahinau seedlings that would rapidly grow to form new forest if animal control was adequate.

Both photos March 1993





Figure 7: Peat dome, Waipaua Block, Pitt Island Scenic Reserve
Tarahinau tree with roots exposed by the impact of hooved animals (cattle, sheep and pigs). This tree, and the very peat it grows on, are doomed to disappear if this level of animal impact persists. March 1993.



Figure 8 Hoho tree blown over by the gale of 31 January 1993. Trees in woodlands such as this one, on conservation land leased for grazing between the Waipaua and Canister Cove Blocks of Pitt Island Scenic Reserve, are far more vulnerable to such windthrow than those in forests. They will be progressively blown down and not replaced unless relieved of grazing and browsing.