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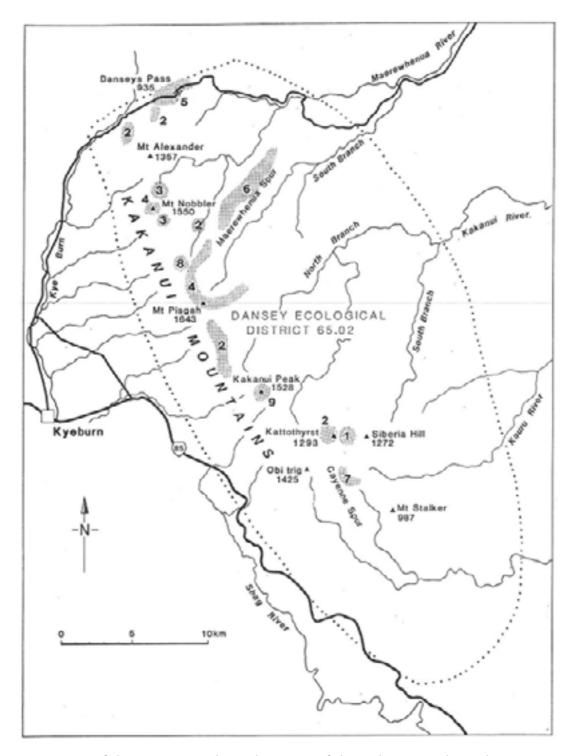


Fig. 1 Map of the Dansey Ecological District of the Kakanui Ecological Region

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#### **ABSTRACT**

An insect survey of the Dansey Ecological District in the Kakanui Ecological Region produced 295 species in seven insect orders, with primary attention being paid to Lepidoptera. Key sites for the protection of insects in the ecological district are proposed to help in the development of the recommended areas for protection by a full Protected Natural Areas programme survey of the district. Biological and biogeographical studies of the fauna are reported on. These show the Dansey Ecological District to have a relatively diverse flora and fauna because it includes typical fauna of both South Canterbury and Central Otago.

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

During the summer of 1989-1990 the Dansey Ecological District (Fig. 1) of the Kakanui Ecological Region was surveyed by a multi-disciplinary team as part of the Protected Natural Areas (PNA) Programme. A draft report was then released (Comrie 1991). To help define the proposed protected areas, I surveyed for insects, mostly Lepidoptera, and then produced a list of key sites for the district. These records were added to other data collected from over 48 expeditions to Danseys Pass, Mt Pisgah, Siberia Hill or Pisgah Spur (Patrick 1982, and unpublished material). The fauna, apart from Lepidoptera and conspicuous species of other orders, is still incompletely known, but the species list (Appendix) indicates that it is rich. No inspect species is known to have its type locality in the ecological district, but a spider (*Hexatbele ramsayi*) collected only at Mt Dasher Station was described by Forster and Wilton (1968). Several undescribed Lepidoptera species were first recognised on Dansey material.

The study area essentially covers the Kakanuis and their foothills. The mountains rise to 1643 m at Mt Pisgah and separate North Otago from Central Otago. Danseys Pass (935 m) separates the Kakanui Mountains from the St Marys Range to the north.

Key sites are listed in the conclusions section.

#### 2. METHODS

Insects were surveyed from the high alpine areas down to the foothills. The following broad localities were covered:

- •Danseys Pass to Livingstone, roadsides
- Danseys Pass to Mt Nobbler
- •Maerewhenua Spur to Mt Pisgah
- Maniototo Plain to Mt Pisgah
- •Livingstone to Pisgah Spur to Kakanui Peak
- •Siberia Hill via Cayenne Spur and Mt Stalker
- •Dunback to Pig Root Summit

Specimen collecting was mainly performed by hand collecting in the daytime with the aid of a net when appropriate. Light trapping for nocturnal species was performed only in the Danseys Pass area. Collecting in alpine areas was carried out by searching under rocks, gently beating various shrubs for larvae and adults, sweeping stream banks for aquatic insects and generally trying to disturb resting adult insects from rock faces, wetlands, cushion vegetation and grasslands. Lepidoptera larvae associated with a host were reared, where possible, to adult.

A dried collection was made of all inspect species but the giant wetas. These were sent live to P. Johns at Canterbury University for identification and then passed on to G. Gibbs at Victoria University for behavioural studies. The following persons identified and have retained specimens for other groups:

A C Harris, Otago Museum: Pompilidae

R Craw, DSIR Plant Protection: NZAC: Curculionidae

B Barratt, MAFTech, Invermay: Balance of Coleoptera

J Ward, Canterbury Museum: Trichoptera

I identified Lepidoptera, Cicadidae, Acrididae; specimens are stored in my private collection.

#### 3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The survey yielded 295 species of insect, from seven different orders. I concentrated on Lepidoptera: Not only are they taxonomically relatively well known, they are the third largest insect order in New Zealand (about 1800 species). They occupy a large range of habitats and are a very good indicator group for the possible presence of other insect taxa (Dugdale 1988). We can generalise with some validity to other insect orders from lepidopteran species diversity and biogeographic relationships.

Insect species with specialised habitat requirements were found to be present up to the highest points of the ecological district in the high alpine zone around Mt Pisgah and Pisgah Spur (Fig. 2). Both the alpine tall tussock and montane short tussock zones also were found to have characteristic faunae.

Patrick (1982) reported on the rich moth fauna of the Danseys Pass area and noted that the area had a characteristic late autumn/early winter emerging fauna. Several new species were discovered in that survey; when described, these may have Danseys Pass as their type locality. The present survey confirms the richness of the Lepidoptera fauna of the Kakanui Mountains and adds many new records, some noteworthy in being of typically western species. All insect species found in the survey are listed in the appendix by order.

There are seven main habitats in the ecological district:

#### 3.1 Rock Bluffs and Tors

A distinctive Lepidoptera fauna is present on rock bluffs and tors, usually with their larvae feeding on lichens, algae, mosses or detritus. Both *Scoriodyta suttonensis* and *Rhathamictis* n.sp. have case-bearing larvae living on rock faces in the lower parts of the study area, while higher up the cryptic *Eudonia torodes* and *Tingena lassa* abound on rocks. Three species (including one undescribed) of the genus *Dichromodes* frequent tors in the district, with their larvae feeding on various lichen species. The undescribed species is diurnal, and is green, blue and black (Fig. 6). It was found from 930-1450m on Maerewhenua Spur and Mt Stalker. It is known elsewhere from the Carrick and southern Old Man Ranges of Central Otago.

Rock bluffs at 1240 m on Cayenne Spur support an interesting vegetation assemblage. Two undescribed species of giant weevil in the genus *Lyperobius* (Fig. 9) were found together on *Aciphylla gracilis* here, but nowhere else in the study area. Both species are found in alpine areas to the north, associated with various *Aciphylla* species in similar habitat.

#### 3.2 Short Tussock Grasslands and Shrubland

In the foothills, there are large areas of modified and possibly induced short tussock grassland. Mixed shrublands persist in the gullies with matagouri often a feature of terraces. A large fauna of widespread non-forest moth species is found in these areas. The caddisfly species in the many streams are also widespread.

Uncommon moth species present include *Samana acutata*, *Cephalissia siria* and *Asaphodes recta*. The last two species have southern distributions; for *C. siria* this is the northern limit, although its host plant, *Fuchsia perscandens*, occurs much further north. Shrublands of *Coprosma*, *Rubus* and *Muehlenbeckia* support a reasonably diverse moth fauna of mainly widespread but representative species. The dry grasslands, although much modified and often dominated by exotic intertussock species, still have a residual native insect fauna, including many characteristic moths in the genera *Tmetolophota*, *Eudonia*, *Tingena* and *Orocrambus*.

#### 3.3 Alpine Grasslands

The alpine grasslands of the Kakanui Mountains are dominated by *Chionochloa rigida*, but have as well a diverse assemblage of intertussock herbs, grasses and sedges; most of these are native, but introduced plants also occur. Characteristic Lepidoptera species include two species of tussock butterfly - *Argyrophenga antipodum* and *A. janitae* - and many genera of diurnal geometrid moths, of which *Aponotoreas insignis* is typical. Other Lepidoptera families conspicuous in this zone include the noctuids and crambids. The grassland cicada (*Kikihia angusta*) is ubiquitous, but an undescribed flightless chafer (*Prodontria* n.sp.) has only been found in the Danseys Pass area so far. Outside of the study area the chafer has been found on nearby Mt Buster and Mt Kyeburn. Several species of caddisfly were collected in streams within the alpine grasslands.

#### 3.4 Wetlands

Small areas of sphagnum-dominated wetland are to be found at Danseys Pass. They support an autumn-emerging Lepidoptera fauna that is probably widespread across the Kakanui Mountains in that altitude range. The fauna contains undescribed genera and species of Hepialidae and Tortricidae, and including the distinctive winteremerging Eurythecta leucothrinca (Patrick 1982). Elsewhere on the Kakanui Mountains wetlands occur extensively on Siberia Hill (Fig. 5), Mt Nobbler, area northwest of the Mt Pisgah, Kakanui Peak (Fig. 4) and Pisgah Spur. Some of the individual areas are quite small while those on Mt Siberia are large, but they all support a characteristic insect fauna that is representative of the study area. There were new records for several diurnal moth species typical of the Central Otago block mountain wetlands, including Eudonia xysmatias (Fig. 7), Orocrambus scoparioides, O. lectus, Glyphipterix metasticta and Asaphodes nephelias. The widespread but localised Notoreas bexaleuca was found in wetlands at each end of the Kakanui Mountains, with its larvae feeding on Kelleria paludosa. The moth Scoparia pura reaches its southern limit of distribution in the Kakanui Mountains, where it is found in upland wetlands. A distinctly-marked, narrow-winged tortricid moth, Merophyas sp.cf. paraloxa Meyrick, previously known only from the Lammermoor Range, was common on wetlands on Siberia Hill. The alpine caddisfly *Hudsonema aliena* is common in streams and seepages that cross the wetlands.

#### Figures opposite: Clockwise from top left:

**Fig. 2.** A view north over tall tussock *Chionochloa rigida* grassland to Mt Pisgah, 1643 m (centre left), with Pisgah Spur to the right. The road to Kakanui Peak can be seen descending the scree between the two peaks.

- **Fig. 3.** Snowbanks of cushion plants north-west of Mt Pisgah at 1500-1550 m have many plants and insects that are characteristic of Central Otago alpine areas. *Celmisia baastii* and *Kelleria childii* are obvious in this scene.
- **Fig. 4.** Moss bogs are locally common on the Kakanui Mountains, and this one on Kakanui Peak is rich in invertebrates. Typically, *Schoenus* is presnt (lower left).
- **Fig. 5.** The broad wetlands on the volcanic Siberia Hill at 1200 m, showing Kattothyrst to the left, Mt Dasher in the middle and (in the far background) Kakanui Peak, with Mt Pisgah/Pisgah Spur to the right.



Fig. 2 Fig. 3



Fig. 4 Fig. 5

#### 3.5 Snowbanks

Snowbanks are not a common feature of the Kakanui Mountains; in contrast, they are abundant on the mountains of Central Otago. A few small ones occur on the eastern side of Mt Pisgah and several kilometres north-west of Mt Pisgah at around 1550 metres (Fig. 3). They contain not only some of the characteristic plant species of such sites in Central Otago but some Lepidoptera also, including the small diurnal *Notoreas ortholeuca*, with larvae feeding on *Kelleria childii*, and two species of pompilid wasp previously recorded from Danseys Pass (Harris 1987).

## 3.6 Upland Shrubland

Shrublands dominated by *Leonobebe* (previously *Hebe*) *odora* (Scrophulariaceae) and *Coprosma* species occur at a modest number of places on the Kakanui Mountains. On Maerewhenua Spur, at 900 m, there is a site where shrublands are well developed. The insect fauna contains the black cicada *Maoricicada clamitans*, and several caddisflies, inclduing *Hydrobiosis kiddi*, frequent the adjacent streams. Notable moth species present include *Austrocidaria stricta*, which was previously thought to be restricted to western alpine areas. The larvae of species in this genus feed on the leaves of *Coprosma* species. Cryptic lepidopterous larvae of the genus *Pasiphila* were found feeding on *Gaultheria crassa* flowers at this site, but as the adults have not yet emerged, specific identification is not yet possible. The diurnal tortricid species *Gelophaula* sp.cf. *praecipitalis* is also common here. These upland shrublands are important insect sites, containing a relatively diverse fauna that includes many local species.

### 3.7 High Alpine Fellfield and Herbfield

This occurs most extensively around Mt Pisgah and includes Pisgah Spur, Maerewhenua Spur and peaks north-west of Mt Pisgah, as well as a small area on Mt Nobbler. The insect fauna at this altitude has more in common with mountain ranges to the north and west than to Central Otago as is shown by the presence of the giant weta *Deinacrida connectens*, the grasshopper *Brachaspis nivalis*, and the diurnal moth *Notoreas ischnocyma*. These species are typical of Canterbury and the North Otago mountains. Also in this category is the alpine black butterfly *Percnodaimon merula*, which is locally common in the vicinity of Mt Pisgah. Elsewhere, it is known from the greywacke mountains further north or from western Otago and Southland.

Moths found in these high alpine areas of the Kakanui Mountains include the large and fast dayflier *Dasyuris hectori*, the blue and orange *Scoparia sideraspis*, *Orocrambus melampetrus*, *Notoreas* n.sp. and *Scoparia nomeutis*. The *Notoreas* species is also known from the Dunstan Mountains, Hawkdun Range and the St Marys Range. A new species of *Trachypepla* was found on Mt Nobbler in *Dracophyllum muscoides* cushionfield. It is also known from a site in the adjacent St Marys Ecological District. Interestingly, *Trachypepla* is generally a genus characteristic of forests.

#### 4. NEW DISTRIBUTIONAL RECORDS

Many insect species not found in the Rock and Pillar/Lammermoor/Rough Ridge alpine zone to the south of the Kakanui Mountains, but widely distributed in alpine areas farther north such as the Ida, St Marys and Kirkliston ranges, were found during this survey. For these species this is a significant extension in their known range, and the Kakanui Mountains becomes their south-east distributional limit.

Both of the alpine black cicada species recorded in the Mt Pisgah area represent new eastern records, although *Maoricicada clamitans* was recorded by Dugdale and Fleming (1978) from Danseys Pass. Bigelow (1967) had recorded the grasshoppers *Sigaus campestris* and *S. australis* from Danseys Pass but believed *Brachapsis nivalis* to be absent from that area. The present survey found *B. nivalis* to be common in high alpine fellfield of the Kakanui Mountains. The giant weta *Deinacrida connectens* (Fig. 8) and the alpine black butterfly *Percnodaimon merula* had both been unknown in the study area (Gibbs 1980), although suitable habitat obviously existed. Significant extensions of known range are also recorded for the moths *Ichneutica dione*, *Austrocidaria stricta*, as all three were only previously recorded from localities much farther west in the South Island.

For both undescribed species in the genus *Merophyas* and the one *Dichromodes*, the records on the Kakanui Mountains represent significant extensions of known range. One *Merophyas* had only been known from the Lammermoor Range, while the other two species had been discovered in the western part of Central Otago, in the Old Man and Carrick ranges. Several Central Otago species were found on the Kakanui Mountains for the first time, including *Notoreas chioneres*, *N. ortholeuca*, *Eudonia xysmatias* (Fig. 7), *Orocrambus lectus* and *Asaphodes nephelias*. Very rare or extremely localised species found included *Notoreas regilla*, *Asaphodes cosmodora* and *Ichneutica notata*.

#### Figures opposite: Clockwise from top left:

- **Fig. 6.** The cryptically patterned undescribed species of *Dichromodes* was found around tors on Maerewhenua Spur and the Mt Stalker area. Wingspan = 25 mm.
- **Fig. 7.** *Eudonia xysmatias* is a diurnal species that inhabits various wetlands. The species is characteristic of the Central Otago block mountains. Length = 13 mm.
- **Fig. 8.** The giant weta *Deinacrida connectens* was locally common around Mt Pisgah (1643 m) under larger rocks in fellfield areas. The females were 72 mm long, with 50 mm antennae.
- **Fig. 9.** Two undescribed species of the giant weevil *Lyperobius* were found together on a single *Aciphylla gracilis* plant on Cayenne Spure, Siberia Hill at 1240 m. Larger weevil is 24 mm.

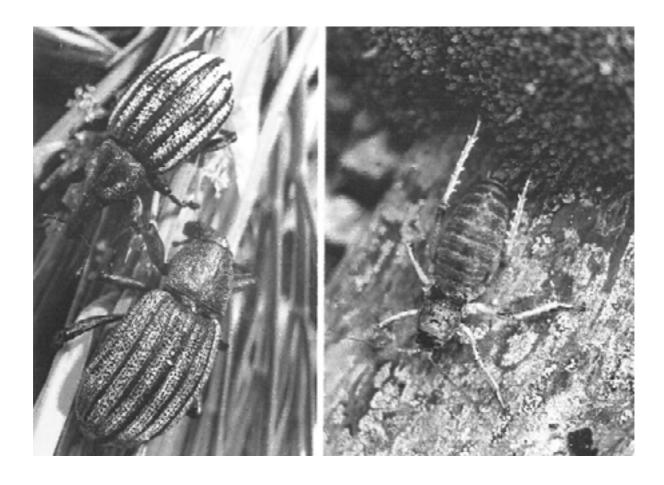


Fig. 6 Fig. 7



Fig. 8. Fig. 9

#### 5. FEATURES OF THE FAUNA

Several features of the Kakanui Mountain's insect fauna are noteworthy. First, many genera are represented by a large number of species - Orocrambus, Eudonia, Scoparia (Crambidae), Glyphipterix (Glyphipterigidae), Gelophaula (Tortricidae), Asaphodes and Notoreas (Geometridae). Barratt and Patrick (1987) noted this from their study area at the Great Moss Swamp and attributed it to the strategic location of the site and the resulting mixing of faunae from adjacent areas. conclusions are probably valid for the Kakanui Mountains as well, as although geologically mapped as Haast Schist group they represent a hybrid zone of semischists and metagreywackes (Lillie 1980). The strategic location of the Kakanui Mountains, in a transition zone between the greywackes of Canterbury and metamorphic schists of Otago, combined with the present-day ecological diversity of the range, probably explains the fact that the fauna is a mixture of typically Canterbury and typically Central Otago insects. When groups of species characteristic of each of these two areas are brought together, as they are on the Kakanui Mountains, then the result is - as noted - a large total number of genera.

Another feature of the fauna of the Kakanui Mountains is the number of diurnal species in normally nocturnal groups, particularly the larentine moths. The majority of the Geometridae recorded in this study are in the subfamily Larentinae; Common's (1990) observation for upland Australian larentines that they are either diurnal or readily flushed from vegetation during the daytime, many have orange hindwings and are conspicuous in flight is relevant here, too. Many of the Tortricidae, Choreutidae, Crambidae and a few members of the Noctuidae are diurnal as well.

Finally, the fauna has a strong autumn-emerging element, which is characteristic of the eastern South Island. This element is also characterised by many species of Hepialidae, Tortricidae, Crambidae and Geometridae. It is surprising but not uncommon to find the insects flying about in the sunshine in May and early June, when snow may cover half the ground. The diurnal species *Eurythecta leucothrinca* is often locally abundant in grasslands in the late autumn to early winter. Many of these are undescribed, as they were only detected within the last decade (Patrick 1982, Barratt and Patrick 1987). Most are found in or close to damp areas including sphagnum wetlands where several are known to breed (Grehan and Patrick 1984).

#### 6. CONCLUSIONS AND LIST OF KEY SITES

The Dansey Ecological District contains a predominantly native insect fauna at all altitudes, despite increasing modification at lower altitudes. This fauna has high conservation value both for its relatively high diversity (as shown by the number of different Lepidoptera) and for its quality, which reflects the quality of habitats present. The native insect fauna, particularly grasshoppers and the polyphagous larvae of many moths may play an important role in maintaining the integrity of alpine ecosystems against invading exotic plants by eating the seedlings and therefore not allowing the invader to become established, as in Australia (McQuillan 1986). Useful research could be directed at confirming this situation for New

Zealand because of the impending threat to alpine ecosystems here from invasive weeds such as stonecrop, hawkweeds and browntop. The fauna is important too for the presence of nationally rare species such as the moths *Cephalissia siria*, *Notoreas regilla* and *Scoparia pura*.

Biogeographically the fauna is composite, with a strong Central Otago element and an increasingly strong northern (St Marys Range, South Canterbury, etc.) element as altitude increases. No species of insect is known to be exclusively confined to the ecological district, although many as yet undescribed species were first discovered within it. Some of the insects are characteristic of the Dansey Ecological District, even though they can be found just outside it as well.

Using the above information and taking into account the need to identify the bestquality and most representative insect communities of the district, I consider the following sites as "the key sites in the Dansey Ecological District for the conservation of insects". Locations which can be specifically identified are marked on the map (Fig. 1).

- 1 extensive wetlands on Siberia Hill extending to Kattothyrst
- 2 shrublands at the south end of Maerewhenua Spur, summit ridge south of Mt Pisgah, below Siberia Hill, Danseys Pass area and on the slopes of Kattothyrst. Combine with montane rock bluffs if practical.
- 3 wetlands both north and south of Mt Nobbler
- 4 high alpine fellfield, cushionfield and herbfield on Mt Pisgah, Mt Nobbler, Maerewhenua and Pisgah Spurs
- 5 grassland/herbfield/wetland at Danseys Pass summit
- 6 rock tors on Maerewhenua Spur
- 7 steep rock bluffs of Cayenne Spur.
- 8 snowbanks at head of Maerewhenua Spur and below Mt Pisgah
- 9 wetlands and grasslands on Kakanui Peak

In addition to the areas marked on the map, all snowbank areas and alpine grasslands, especially those on the eastern faces and spurs of the range, should be identified.

All of these areas should be immediately identified as areas of major conservation importance. Their value must be taken into account in future planning for this area.

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# APPENDIX I : LIST OF SPECIES REPORTED FROM THE DANSEY ECOLOGICAL DISTRICT

## **LEPIDOPTERA** (258 species)

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Nepticulidae			
Stigmella ilsea Donner & Wilkinson	-	900 m	larvae mine Olearia rugosa
Stigmella oriastra (Meyrick)	-	900-950 m	larvae mine <i>Celmisia densiflora</i>
Stigmella progonopis (Meyrick)	-	900 m	larvae mine <i>Gaultheria crassa</i>
MNESARCHAEIDAE			
Mnesarchaea paracosma Meyrick	Dec-Jan	950 m	common
HEPIALIDAE			
Aoraia n.sp.1	Mar-Apr	950-1300 m	large, nocturnal; together at Danseys
Pass			
Aoraia n.sp.2	Mar	950-1300 m	
Dioxycanus fuscus (Philpott)	Dec	1100 m	crepuscular
Wiseana cervinata (Walker)	Sep-Dec	<600 m	-
Wiseana mimica (Philpott)	Dec	1260 m	Siberia Hill
Wiseana umbraculata (Guenée)	Oct-Jan	to 950 m	-
Oxycaninae n.gen. et sp.	Apr	900-1300 m	larvae in sphagnum bogs
PSYCHIDAE			
Mallobathra crataea Meyrick	Ian	950 m	-
Orophora unicolor (Butler)	-	950-1300 m	larvae and cases only
Rhathamictis n.sp.	-	250-600 m	case larvae on cliffs
Scoriodyta suttonensis Hättenschwiler	-	250 m	case larvae on cliffs
GRACILIARIIDAE			
Caloptilia n.sp.	Mar-Apr	950 m	larvae on Gaultheria depressa
Caloptilia elaeas (Meyrick)	Oct-Jun	<1150 m	larvae on <i>Coriaria</i>
Caloptilia linearis (Butler)	Nov	500 m	larvae on <i>Coriaria</i>
YPONOMEUTIDAE	T D	.000	
Orthonology chlorocoma (Meyrick)	Jan-Dec	<800 m	larvae on <i>Carmichaelia</i>
Orthenches similis (Philpott)	Dec-Mar	950 m	larvae on <i>Dracophyllum</i>
Phylacodes cauta Meyrick	Sep Mar Apr	950 m <500 m	larvae on sedges larvae on crucifers
Plutella antiphona Meyrick Plutella xylostella (L.)	Mar-Apr Jan-Dec	<500 m	larvae on crucifers
Protosynaema quaestuosa Meyrick	Apr	950 m	larvae on Carex
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GLYPHIPTERIGIDAE			
Glyphipterix achlyoessa (Meyrick)	Oct-Dec	<500 m	larvae bore <i>Juncus</i>
Glyphipterix acrothecta (Meyrick)	Oct-Dec	600 m	-
Glyphipterix barbata (Philpott)	Oct-Dec	<800 m	grasslands
Glyphipterix cionophora (Meyrick)	Feb-Mar	<600 m	-
Glyphipterix erastis Meyrick	Dec-Jan	<1100 m	-
Glyphipterix iocheaera Meyrick	Nov-Dec	<600 m	-
Glyphipterix metasticta Meyrick	Feb	1200 m	wetlands
Glyphipterix nephoptera Meyrick	Dec-Mar	<500 m	-
Glyphipterix oxymachaera (Meyrick)	Nov-Jan	1400 m	short grassland
LYONETIIDAE			
Leucoptera spartifoliella (Hūbner)	-	500 m	on <i>Cytisus</i>
GELECHIDAE	÷	0.50	
Kiwaia aerobatis (Meyrick)	Jan	950 m	-
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Megacraspedus calamogonus Meyrick	Jan-Dec	to 1100 m	larvae in <i>Chionochloa</i> seed heads		
Момрнірае					
Zapyrastra n.sp.	-	250 m	on Haloragis erecta mining leaves		
OECOPHORIDAE					
Tingena lassa (Philpott)	Nov	to 1100 m	rock faces		
Tingena paratrimma (Meyrick)	Dec	1400 m	herbfield		
Izatha convulsella (Walker)	Dec	1100 m	rock faces		
Gymnobathra parca (Butler)	Nov	250-500 m	-		
Gymnobathra philadelpha Meyrick	Jan	250-500 m	_		
Gymnobathra sarcoxantha Meyrick	Oct-Mar	<1200 m	larva in cases under Cyathodes		
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Oxythecta austrina (Meyrick)	Oct-Nov	1200-1400 m	larvae associated with Leucopogon		
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Trachypepla n.sp.	Feb	1500 m	cushionfield Mt Nobbler		
ELACHISTIDAE					
Cosmiotes n.sp.	Jan	1100 m	grasslands		
Elachista thallophora Meyrick	Oct-Dec	500-950 m	wetlands		
Cosmiotes ombrodoca (Meyrick)	Oct-Dec	300-1240 m	-		
CHOREUTIDAE					
Asterivora chatuidea (Clarke)	Sep-Oct	250-500 m	larvae on Helichrysum aggregatum		
Asterivora marmarea (Meyrick)	Dec-Feb	980-1300 m	larvae on Celmisia gracilenta		
Asterivora microlitha (Meyrick)	Dec	800-900 m	larvae on Helichrysum bellidioides		
Asterivora symbolaea (Meyrick)	Jan-Mar	950 m	larvae on <i>Celmisia densiflora</i>		
TORTRICIDAE		(00			
"Capua" semiferana (Walker)	Jan-Dec	<600 m	-		
Cnephasia ochnosema Meyrick	April	600-900 m	-		
Ctenopseustis obliquana	Jan-Feb	<500 m	polyphagous		
Epichorista aspistana (Meyrick)	Jan	1100 m	larvae on Acaena		
Epichorista hemionana (Meyrick)	Feb-Mar	<1100 m	larvae on <i>Acaena</i>		
Epichorista lindsayi (Philpott)	Feb	1100-1450 m			
Epichorista cf. siriana (Meyrick)	Feb	1200 m	wetlands		
Epiphyas postvittana (Walker)	Jan-Dec	<500 m	polyphagous		
Eurythecta phaeoxyla Meyrick	Feb	930 m	larvae on herbs		
"Eurythecta" leucothrinca (Meyrick)	Apr-Jun	950 m	brachypterous female		
Gelophaula aridella Clarke	Dec-Jan	1600 m	Mt Pisgah only		
Gelophaula praecipitalis Meyrick Gelophaula tributaria (Philpott)	Dec-Feb	900 m 1100 m	larvae in <i>Celmisia lyallii</i>		
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Gelophaula n.sp.1	Nov-Feb	950-1000 m 1100-1300 m	larvae in <i>Colmisia densiflora</i> rosettes		
Gelophaula n.sp.2	Jan-Feb Feb	<500 m	larvae in <i>Celmisia brevifolia</i> rosettes larvae on <i>Mueblenbeckia</i>		
Harmologa oblongana (Walker)	Feb-Mar	<600 m	larvae on <i>Gassinia</i>		
Harmologa sisyrana Meyrick Merophyas n.sp.1	Feb-Mai	1000 m	Danseys Pass only		
	Dec	1200 m			
Merophyas n.sp.2 Merophyas leucaniana (Walker)	Oct-Apr	<600 m	Siberia Hill wetlands polyphagous		
Protithona fugitivana Meyrick	Dec	1520 m	larvae on <i>Potamogeton</i>		
Planotortrix excessana (Walker)	Jan-Dec	<600 m	polyphagous		
Pyrgotis plagiatana (Walker)	Jan-Dec Jan-Dec	<600 m	polyphagous		
gen. et sp. indet.	Mar-Jun	400-1200 m	brachypterous female; white stripes;		
PTEROPHORIDAE	mar-juii	100-1200 III	orachypicrous female, white surpes,		
Platyptilia repletalis (Walker)	Feb-Apr	<950 m	larvae on <i>Plantago</i>		
Stenoptilia orites Meyrick	Feb-May	950-1200 m	larvae in <i>Brachyglottis bellidioides</i>		
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Pterophorus innotatalis Walker	Dec	to 1500 m	larvae on Dichondra brevifolia
LYCAENIDAE			
Lycaena boldenarum White	_	<1300 m	larvae on Muelbenbeckia axillaris
Lycaena salustius (Fabricius)	_	<1000 m	larvae on <i>Muehlenbeckia complexa</i>
Zizina otis oxleyi (Felder)	_	-	on clovers
Zizinii ono omeji (center)			
Nymphalidae			
Argyrophenga antipodum Doubleday	Oct-Apr	<1300 m	larvae on <i>Chionochloa</i>
Argyrophenga janitae Craw	Nov-Feb	1000-1300 m	larvae on <i>Chionochloa</i>
Bassaris gonerilla (Fabricius)	Oct-May	<1600 m	larvae on tree nettle
Bassaris itea (Fabricius)	Oct-May	<1600 m	larvae on introduced nettle
Cynthia kershawi McCoy	Oct, Jan	1200-1300 m	vagrant to area
Percnodaimon merula (Hewittson)	Dec-Feb	>1200 m	larvae on <i>Poa colensoi</i>
PIERIDAE			
Pieris rapae (L.)	Oct-Apr	to 1300 m	larvae on crucifers
Crambidae			
Glaucocharis elaina (Meyrick)	Nov-Mar	<500 m	cliff sites
Glaucocharis epiphaea (Meyrick)	Dec-Jan	950 m	-
Glaucocharis helioctypa (Meyrick)	Dec-Feb	950-1350 m	wetlands
Glaucocharis interrupta (Felder	Feb	900 m	shrublands
Glaucocharis pyrsophanes (Meyrick)	Dec	<600 m	
Orocrambus aethonellus (Meyrick)	Oct-Jan	<1450 m	wet grasslands
Orocrambus apicellus (Zeller)	Dec	to 600-1000 m	=
Orocrambus corruptus (Butler)	Sep-Jan	<1200 m	dry grassland/ herbfield
Orocrambus crenaeus (Meyrick)	Dec-Jan	950-1400 m	Chionochloa areas
Orocrambus cyclopicus (Meyrick)	Feb-Apr	<600 m	-
Orocrambus dicrenellus (Meyrick)	Dec-Feb	950-1200 m	Chionochloa areas
Orocrambus enchophorus (Meyrick)	Jan-May	<500 m	
Orocrambus flexuosellus (Doubleday)	Dec	<1500 m	exotic grasses
Orocrambus lectus (Philpott)	Dec	1270 m	wetlands
Orocrambus lewisi Gaskin	Oct-Apr	<500 m	on <i>Poa cita</i>
Orocrambus machaeristes Meyrick	Jan	1300-1600 m	short grasses
Orocrambus melampetrus Purdie	Jan	1100-1420 m	screes
Orocrambus philpotti Gaskin	Dec-Jan	900 m	
Orocrambus ramosellus (Doubleday)	Nov-May	<500 m	exotic grasses
Orocrambus scoparioides Philpott	Dec	1350 m	wetlands
Orocrambus tritonellus (Meyrick)	Nov-Jan	600-1200 m	Chionochloa areas
Orocrambus vittellus (Doubleday)	Dec-Mar	<950 m	-
Orocrambus vulgaris (Butler)	Feb-Apr	<600 m	dry grasslands
Orocrambus xanthogrammus (Meyrick)		to 950 m	riverbed areas
Musotima nitidalis (Walker)	Jan	<500 m	ferns
Deana hybreasalis (Walker)	Nov-May	<500 m	Ranunculus
Diasemia grammalis Doubleday	Oct-Mar	<1200 m	dry herbfield
Heliothela atra (Butler)	Jan	1000 m	dry short-sward sites
Mnesictena adversa (Philpott)	Mar-Apr	400-950 m	-
Mnesictena flavidalis (Doubleday)	Oct-May	<1100 m	- herbfield
Proteroeca comastis Meyrick	Dec Dec	c. 1100 m 1500 m	herbfield
Eudonia n.sp.1 Eudonia n.sp.2	Apr-Jun	950 m	-
Eudonia aspidota (Meyrick)	Api-juii Dec	<600 m	-
Eudonia asterisca (Meyrick)	Jan	<500 m	_
Eudonia atmogramma (Meyrick)	Feb-Apr	<500 m	-
Eudonia axena (Meyrick)	Dec	950-1450 m	-
Eudonia cataxesta (Meyrick)	Nov-Mar	<500 m	-
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Eudonia chalara (Meyrick)	Nov-Dec	500-1100 m	-
Eudonia critica (Meyrick)	Dec	900-1000 m	rock tors
Eudonia declavata Meyrick	Jan	1200 m	-
Eudonia deltophora Meyrick	Feb-Apr	950-1050 m	-
Eudonia epicremna (Meyrick)	Dec-Feb	950 m	wetlands
Eudonia feredayi Knaggs	Oct-May	<1100 m	-
Eudonia luminatrix Meyrick	Dec	<950 m	-
Eudonia melanaegis Meyrick	Jan	<950 m	-
Eudonia niphospora Meyrick	Feb-Mar	1200 m	-
Eudonia octophora (Meyrick)	Mar-Apr	<950 m	-
Eudonia oculata Philpott	Feb	1200 m	-
Eudonia organaea Meyrick	Dec-Feb	950-1450 m	-
Eudonia philerga Meyrick	Oct-Apr	500-930 m	-
Eudonia psammitis (Meyrick)	Dec	1350 m	-
Eudonia sabulosella (Walker)	Sep-Dec	<950 m	-
Eudonia steropaea Meyrick	Nov-Feb	<1000 m	-
Eudonia torodes (Meyrick)	Nov-Jan	1100 m	rocky areas
Eudonia trivirgata (Felder)	Nov-Jan	<1200 m	-
Eudonia xysmatias (Meyrick)	Dec	1200-1300 m	wetlands
Scoparia autochroa Meyrick	Dec-Jan	900-1350 m	-
Scoparia claranota Howes	Dec	1200 m	-
Scoparia ejuncida Knaggs	Feb-Mar	1000 m	-
Scoparia ergatis Meyrick	Dec	1100-1350 m	-
Scoparia exilis Knaggs	Oct-Mar	<1100 m	-
Scoparia nomeutis (Meyrick)	Dec	1300-1580 m	herbfield
Scoparia pallidula Philpott	Dec	900 m	local
Scoparia petrina (Meyrick)	Feb-Mar	900 m	-
Scoparia pura Philpott	Nov-Dec	1200 m	wetlands, local
Scoparia rotuella (Felder)	Apr	<500 m	-
Scoparia sideraspis Meyrick	Jan-Feb	1100-1200 m	scree areas

## GEOMETRIDAE

Gellonia pannularia (Guenée)	Jan	< 600 m	-
Pseudocoremia indistincta (Butler)	Dec-Jan	<600 m	on Muehlenbeckia
Pseudocoremia melinata (Felder)	Jan	300-500 m	on Carmichaelia
Pseudocoremia suavis Butler	Jan-Dec	<600 m	polyphagous
Sestra flexata (Walker)	Oct-Dec	<500 m	larvae on ferns
Ischalis fortinata (Guenée)	Nov	<500 m	larvae on <i>Polystichum</i>
Arctesthes catayrrha Butler	Dec-Mar	1200-1400 m	larvae on herbs
Asaphodes abrogata (Walker)	Mar-Apr	<600 m	larvae on <i>Plantago</i>
Asaphodes chlamydota (Meyrick)	Oct	<500 m	-
Asaphodes clarata (Walker)	Feb-Mar	900-1300 m	larvae on herbs
Asaphodes cosmodora (Meyrick)	Jan-Feb	1000-1300 m	
Asaphodes helias (Meyrick)	Jan-Feb	1100-1300 m	larvae on herbs
Asaphodes nephelias (Meyrick)	Feb-Mar	1200 m	wetlands
Asaphodes omichlias (Meyrick)	Feb	1200 m	-
Asaphodes prasinias (Meyrick)	Dec	<600 m	-
Asaphodes recta (Philpott)	Mar-Apr	<600 m	-
Austrocidaria callichlora (Butler)	Jan	to 600 m	larvae on <i>Coprosma</i>
Austrocidaria gobiata (Felder)	Oct-Apr	<500 m	larvae on <i>Coprosma</i>
Austrocidaria stricta (Philpott)	Feb-Mar	900 m	larvae on <i>Coprosma</i>
Cephalissa siria Meyrick	Oct	1300 m	larvae on Fuchsia perscandens
Chloroclystis nereis Meyrick	Jan-Feb	950-1200 m	in <i>Celmisia</i> flowers
Dasyuris anceps (Butler)	Jan-Apr	950-1300 m	larvae on Anisotome
Dasyuris austrina Philpott	Jan-Feb	1000-1300 m	larvae on Anisotome
Dasyuris hectori (Butler)	Dec-Jan	1600-1643 m	on Anisotome
Dasyuris leucobathra Meyrick	Nov	950 m	larvae on Anisotome

Dasyuris partheniata Guenée	Oct	<950 m	larvae on <i>Aciphylla</i>
Dasyuris transaurea Howes	Oct-Nov	950-1300 m	larvae on Anisotome
Elvia glaucata Walker	Jan	<600 m	larvae on <i>Rubus</i>
Epicyme rubropunctaria (Doubleday)	Aug-Apr	<500 m	larvae on Haloragis erecta
Epiphryne verriculata (Felder)	Nov, May	<500 m	larvae on <i>Cordyline</i>
<i>Epyaxa lucidata</i> Walker	Mar-May	<500 m	-
Helastia christinae Craw	Oct-Dec	to 600 m	-
Helastia cinerearia (Doubleday)	Sep-May	<800 m	larvae on mosses
Helastia corcularia (Guenée)	Sep-Apr	<950 m	larvae on lichens and herbs
Helastia cryptica Craw	Nov-Dec	600 m	larvae on <i>Melicytus alpinus</i>
Helastia triphragma (Meyrick)	Dec-Jan	<600 m	-
"Hydriomena" deltoidata (Walker)	Jan-Feb	to 500 m	-
"Hydriomena" rixata (Felder)	Nov-Feb	<600 m	larvae on <i>Epilobium</i>
"Xanthorrhoe" occulta Philpott	Oct-Jan	600-1100 m	larvae will eat flowers in captivity
Xanthorhoe orophylla (Meyrick)	Jan-Feb	1100-1300 m	larvae on herbs: Cardamine,
Lagenifera			
Xanthorhoe semifissata (Walker)	Feb-Apr	<600 m	larvae on herbs: Cardamine
Aponotoreas antbracias (Meyrick)	Jan-Feb	1100-1300 m	larvae on Dracophyllum, Leucopogon
	colensoi		
Aponotoreas insignis (Butler)	Jan-Mar	950-1300 m	larvae on <i>Chionochloa</i>
Paranotoreas brephosata (Walker)	Nov-Mar	950-1300 m	larvae on <i>Epilobium</i>
Paranotoreas ferox (Butler)	Dec-Feb	1000-1200 m	larvae eat <i>Brachyglottis bellidioides</i>
•			in captivity
Paranotoreas zopyra (Meyrick)	Nov-Mar	900-1300 m	larvae on <i>Helichrysum bellidioides</i>
Notoreas n.sp.	Jan-Mar	1100-1600 m	on Kelleria villosa
Notoreas chioneres Prout	Dec-Feb	1400-1640 m	larvae on <i>K. villosa</i>
Notoreas galaxias Hudson	Feb-Mar	950-1100 m	on Kelleria spp.
Notoreas bexaleuca (Meyrick)	Nov-Jan	950-1500 m	larvae on <i>Kelleria</i> spp.
Notoreas ischnocyma Meyrick	Dec-Jan	1600-1640 m	-
Notoreas ortholeuca Hudson	Feb-Mar	1500 m	larvae on cushion Kelleria in
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			larvae on <i>Dracophyllum</i> and herbs
Aletia moderata (Walker)	Nov-Feb	to 500 m	-
Aletia obsecrata Meyrick	Jan	1200 m	-
Aletia virescens (Butler)	Feb-Apr	600-1000 m	larvae on <i>Epilobium</i> and other herbs
Graphania agorastis (Meyrick)	Dec-Jan	to 950 m	-
Graphania disjungens (Walker)	Dec-Jan	<950 m	-
Graphania insignis (Walker)	Jan-Dec	<600 m	larvae on herbs
Graphania lithias (Meyrick)	Dec-Feb	600-1000 m	larvae on <i>Melicytus alpinus</i>
Graphania morosa (Butler)	Jan-Feb	to 600 m	larvae on grasses
Graphania mutans (Walker)	Jan-Dec	<600 m	larvae on herbs
Grapbania nullifera (Walker)	Dec-Apr	1000 m	larvae in <i>Aciphylla</i>
Graphania omoplaca (Meyrick)	Oct-Dec	<800 m	larvae on Poaceae
Graphania phricias (Meyrick)	Oct,Jan,A	pr to 950 m	larvae on Discaria toumatou
Graphanis plena (Walker)	Jan-Dec	<600 m	larvae on herbs
Graphania rubescens (Butler)	Feb	<700 m	on introduced grasses
Graphania ustistriga (Walker)	Aug-Apr	<600 m	larvae on herbs and shrubs
Ichneutica ceraunias Meyrick	Nov-Jan	700-1200 m	larvae on <i>Chionochloa</i>
Ichneutica dione Hudson	Jan	1000 m	-
Ichneutica homerica Howes	Nov-Jan	950 m	-
Ichneutica nervosa Hudson	Dec	1260 m	-
Ichneutica notata Salmon	Jan	950 m	larvae on grasses
Meterana meyricci Hampson	Feb-Apr	900 m	larvae on <i>Pimelea</i> spp.
Persectania aversa (Walker)	Sep-May	<950 m	larvae on grasses
Tmetolophota acontistis (Meyrick)	Dec	950 m	-
Tmetolophota arotis (Meyrick)	Dec-Jan	<950 m	-
Tmetolophota atristriga (Walker)	Dec-Mar	<600 m	larvae on grasses
Tmetolophota toroneura (Meyrick)	Dec-Jan	300-600 m	-
Tmetolophota propria (Walker)	Jan-Apr	<600 m	larvae on grasses
Tmetolophota unica (Walker)	Dec	600-800 m	-
Rhapsa scotosialis Walker	Oct-Apr	<600 m	larvae on dead leaves
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## SPECIES IN THE FOLLOWING ORDERS WERE COLLECTED INCIDENTALLY IN THE COURSE OF SURVEYING THE LEPIDOPTERA

**ORTHOPTERA** (4 species)

STENOPELMATIDAE (Wetas)

Deinacrida connectens Ander - 1550-1600 m Mt Pisgah area

ACRIDIDAE (Grasshoppers)

Sigaus australis (Hutton) - 800-1630 m common in low to high

alpine

grasslands

Sigaus campestris (Hutton) - 960-1100 m common and widespread,

grasslands

Brachaspis nivalis (Hutton) - 1500-1630 m common on alpine screes

**DICTYOPTERA** (1 species) **BLATTIDAE** (Cockroaches)

Celatoblatta quinquemaculata Johns - - the common cockroach of

alpine

Central Otago

**HEMIPTERA** (3 species)

CICADIDAE			
Maoricicada clamitans Dugdale & Fleming	-	900-1250 m	Pisgah and Maerewhenua
Spurs,			
			shrubland
Maoricicada phaeoptera Dugdale & Fleming	-	1280-1640 m	common in alpine herbfields
			Kattothyrst and Mt Pisgah
area			
Kikihia angusta (Walker)	-	600-1200 m	common in montane to
alpine			
			native grasslands
COLEONEEDA (Poetles) (11 enecies)			
COLEOPTERA (Beetles) (11 species)			
CARABIDAE			
Oregus aereus White	-	450 m	improved pasture
Megadromus curtulus (Broun)	-	450 m	improved tussock
TENEBRIONIDAE			•
Artystona obscura Sharp	-	930 m	Danseys Pass
ELATERIDAE			
Elatichrosis castanea (Broun)	-	450 m	-
OEDEMERIDAE			
Selenopalpus rectipes Broun	-	1500 m	Mt Pisgah
Scarabaeidae			
Odontria striata White	-	to 1000 m	widespread in grasslands
Prodontria n.sp.	-	1000-1060 m	common at Danseys Pass.
Since			
			found on the adjacent
mountains,			
_			Mt Kyeburn and Mt Buster
CURCULIONIDAE			
Lyperobius n.sp.1	-	-	[see note]
Lyperobius n.sp.2	-	-	[see note]
Anagotus lewisi (Broun)	-	760-930 m	Danseys Pass, larvae in
0 116 (0)		1/00	Chionochloa tillers
Sargon sulcifer (Broun)	-	1600 m	Mt Pisgah

Note: These two undescribed species were found together on Cayenne Spur at 1240 m, Siberia Hill, on *Aciphylla gracilis* (Fig. 9). Both large species occur elsewhere, one on Mt Kyeburn the other on Ida Range and Grampian Mts (R Craw pers. comm.).

HYMENOPTERA (Wasps) (2 species) POMPILIDAE			
Priocnemis crawi Harris	-	1550 m	high-alpine snowbanks
Priocnemis ordishi Harris	-	1550 m	high-alpine snowbanks
TRICHOPTERA (Caddisflies) (15 species)			
Aoteapsyche colonica	Nov-Feb	250-520 m	-
Costacborema xanthoptera	Feb	250 m	-
Hudsonema aliena	Dec	1260 m	Siberia Hill, Pisgah Spur
Hydrobiosis clavigera	Feb	250 m	-
Hydrobiosis kiddi	Feb	900 m	-
Hydrobiosis parumbripennis	Feb	250-900 m	-
Hydrobiosis umbripennis	Feb	250 m	-
Pycnocentrodes aeris	Dec-Feb	200-500 m	-
Pycnocentrodes aureola	Feb	250 m	-

Polyplectropus puerilis	Dec	500 m	-
Plectrocnemia maclachlani	Dec	500 m	-
Psilochorema bidens	Feb	250 m	-
Psilochorema mataura	Feb	900 m	-
Oecetis unicolor	Feb	250 m	-
?Neurochorema n.sp.	Feb	250 m	-

## **ARACHNIDA** (1 species)

DIPLURIDAE

Hexathele ramsayi Forster - - [see note]

Note: Type locality, Mt Dasher Station 1150 m Kakanui Mts (Forster & Wilton 1968)