

14. FOREST MOSAIC

Like the forest in transition station if you look up the hill you can see that this part of the forest has also been modified from the fire and from logging. What has emerged is a mosaic of different forest types all in transition.

Down in front of you there is regenerating bush gradually making way to the mature podocarp-tawa forest on the ridge line. From here you can see the tall trunks of kahikatea, rimu and matai.

There are two stages to the regenerating bush in front:

- Just in front are various types of coprosomas, toetoe, cabbage trees, bracken, mingimingi, whekī ponga, bush lawyer, kānuka, small lancewood, and exotic grasses.
- In the valley below there are young putaputaweta, lancewood, rimu, kohuhu, whauwhaupaku (five finger), and whekī ponga.

14.1 TASK

- Look at the different areas of the forest (both the regenerating and the mature). Can you see species that appear in all three areas?
- Why do you think the trees in the regenerating areas don't grow in the mature forest?