

Gleanings

Journal articles

Threatened and uncommon plants of New Zealand.

P.J. De Lange and 8 others. 2004.

New Zealand Journal of Botany 42: 45-76

This paper reports a major re-assessment of the conservation status of the indigenous New Zealand vascular plant flora. It considers almost 800 taxa (34% of New Zealand's total indigenous vascular flora) and records their current rarity status. This paper represents the first time the entire known indigenous vascular flora has been assessed from a conservation perspective since the mid 1970s. (based on published abstract).

This is the type of fundamentally important report that is rarely published in the so-called mainstream journals (Ed.)

Managing and restoring California's oak woodlands

Douglas McCreary. 2004.

Natural Areas Journal 24: 269-275

A paper addressing California sustainability and restoration issues, but with valuable parallels for those who are trying to recover the Garry oak ecosystem in BC. The Vancouver Island threats, residential and commercial development, are similar, and the paper argues that there must be much greater commitment to what is left and to understanding major questions about propagation and regeneration if protection and recovery are to be achieved

Review articles

Response of the herbaceous layer to natural disturbance in North American forests.

Mark R. Roberts. 2004.

Canadian Journal of Botany 82: 1273-1283

An important review that addresses the relatively new-found interest in the forest understory. Dr Roberts, whose work has been largely in eastern Canadian ecosystems, considers disturbance in three contexts: percentage of