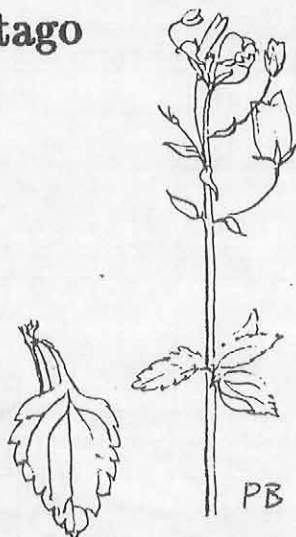


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### Botanical Society of Otago Meeting

"The vegetation of the Nokomai Ecological District,  
Southern Garvie Mountains"

By Katharine Dickinson, currently of the  
Botany Department, University of Otago.

On Tuesday October 6, 7:30 pm, in the Seminar  
room of the University (enter from Great King  
St., opposite Allied Computer Processors).

### Dunedin Naturalists Field Club meetings

- October 10: Excursion to Chingford park.  
October 12: Members slides.  
October 31: Excursion to Blue Mountain Creek.  
November 2: Dr Ian St George speaking on Otago Orchids.  
November 14: Excursion to Beaumont Forest.

### Meeting of the Friends of the Botanic Gardens

Mr Brent McKenzie will speak (with lots of slides) on  
the Botanic Gardens of Britain, which he recently  
toured. Wednesday October 7, 7:45 pm, in the Botanic  
Gardens Visitor Education Centre, Lovelock Avenue.

## Conspicuous Roadside Exotic Distribution Assessment

Any volunteers?

The "CREDA" scheme is a cooperative project to determine the distribution of about 25 conspicuous exotic roadside weeds in the South Island. About ten botanists from around the South Island have been involved in this scheme for the past three years.

The scheme is designed so recording can be done during travel for other purposes. The species are chosen so they can be recognised whilst travelling at normal speeds. (Of course, there is occasional need to stop at first to check, to build up familiarity with some species or to check a doubtful plant.)

We hope to complete the scheme this summer. There are a number of sections of road still unrecorded, or recorded only once, mainly in Southland (up to Milford and Glenorchy), but also in other parts of the South Island.

An identification guide is available to help with any species you are not familiar with.

If you will be travelling and would like to help, please contact Dr J.B. Wilson, Botany Dept., University of Otago, P.O. Box 56, Dunedin, 771-640 ext 8895.

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