

**F&B MANAWATŪ MARCH 2025 TRIP**  
**NGA MANU NATURE RESERVE**  
**TO VIEW THE DACTYLANTHUS TAYLORII**  
**SATURDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> MARCH, 2025**



Nga Manu Reserve  
Photos from Nga Manu Website

*dactyloctenium taylori* - known as wood rose

Photos: Dept. of Conservation

We are going to give a guided tour to visit the area where the dactyloctenium are growing and, at the moment, they are in flower. They are pollinated by the short-tailed bat. It is the only NZ indigenous fully parasitic flowering plant and the southern most member of its mainly tropical family. It is currently regarded as being Threatened – Nationally Vulnerable

Nga Manu is tucked between the hills and the ocean there is a precious remnant of the once abundant Kāpiti lowland swamp forest. You will be able to enjoy the accessible and compact 14h site, whether it be the forest, walk-in native bird enclosures or picnicking lawns beside the ponds. Ngā Manu contributes to national and local conservation through its involvement in many species breeding programmes such as kiwi, tuatara, whio/blue duck, as well as endangered lizard species and plant conservation.

**DEPT. TIME: 0900** sharp

**MEET & CAR POOLING from-**

**Palmerston North** Opposite Salvation Army shop, Church St. Palmerston North

**Feilding:** Railway Station carpark

**CHARGE TO enter Nga Manu:** Adults: \$15 Senior: \$12 Children: \$6

**WHAT TO BRING:** walking shoes, hat, sunscreen, walking stick (if you use one), water, lunch, and do not forget your camera

The paths are easy gravelled wide pathways

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