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Tuesday 9th February @ 7.30 p.m.

Where: PNCC Library, Ground floor, George Street

Talk: Mixed Bird-insect Pollination Systems *and who really gets the job done?*

Speaker: Dr Alastair Robertson,

Professor in Ecology, Massey University, PN



Many New Zealand plants depend on animals, principally insects and birds, for pollination. Some appear specifically adapted to this, having showy flowers and other features for attracting and rewarding flower visitors. This talk will concentrate on mixed pollination systems, ones involving both birds and insects as pollinators. Dr Robertson will highlight some of his work on these, starting with NZ mistletoes, kōtukutuku (tree fuchsia) and kowhai, and ending with African lilies and a discussion of some as-yet unresolved issues. A key question underpinning his talk is: *Does the balance of insect- and bird-pollination matter to those species receiving both, and what might any declines in pollinators mean for these animal-plant pollination systems?*

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