

Farm Biodiversity Assessment - Individual Sites

BT3

For each discrete area of native vegetation record the following

Native vegetation patch number/name:

Assessor:

Date:

Weather:

Time taken:

Area (approximate):

<1 ha

1-2 ha

2-5 ha

5-10 ha

>10 ha

Topography:

Vegetation summary - tick as many as appropriate

Type: ☐ Forest ☐ Shrubland ☐ Wetland ☐ Grassland ☐ Rock outcrop

Origin: ☐ Remnant of original ☐ Secondary/regenerating ☐ Deliberately planted

Canopy cover: ☐ Continuous (>70%) ☐ Scattered (15-70%)

Dominant native plants:

Understorey and ground layer:

Any rare plant species that you know are present:

Native birds seen/heard:

Do you know of any other native animals that might be present?

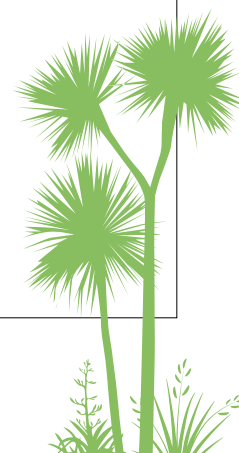
Fish, reptiles, bats, insects?



See step 3 in integrating native biodiversity chapter for more information

Asset map:

Field drawing of vegetation patch showing route traversed, areas of interest (streams, fencelines, bluffs etc) and locations where any photos were taken.



Vegetation condition/damage:

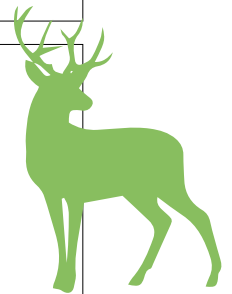
*Mention evidence of dieback, browse etc and possible causes (deer, possums, herbicide, rabbits/hares etc).
For forest, is there regeneration in the understorey or is it browsed out?
For wetlands, has the hydrology been modified through damming or realignment of water courses?*

Presence of fences and condition:

Is the patch fenced and for those fences that are present, what is their condition?

Exotic animals (seen/signs of):

Sign or other evidence of predators (stoats, cats, rats) or herbivores (deer, goats, pigs, wallabies, possums).

**Weed presence/abundance and severity of infestation:**

Are weeds present and do any appear to be threatening native vegetation?

Human impacts/management:

Trampling and damage to vegetation, garden waste, rubbish, evidence of timber harvesting etc. Any evidence of past/current conservation management – e.g. planting, plant and animal pest control etc

Is the asset considered ecologically significant in the district plan, or might it meet the plans' criteria for ecological significance?