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New Zealand Snails

Pupuharakeke, Pupurangi (Flaxsnails)

Placostylus ambagiosus



Colony of Flaxsnails. (several subspecies)

- Found in the coastal broadleaf forests and scrubs of Northern Northland (North Cape area). Other locations being Hokianga and Mokohinau Island.
- Nocturnal snail feeds on moist fallen leaves and often hide under leaf litter during the day.
- Their shell is long and pointed and the animal weighs 17 gram and reaches a length of 115 mm.
- They take about 4 years to mature.
- In winter they lay 6 mm eggs and often several snails add their eggs to the same nest which can contain up to 30 eggs.
- In spring the hatchlings leave the nest and climb up into trees where they live on the underside of leaves. They stay there until they are too heavy and fall to the ground.

Placostylus bollonsi



P. hongii; Distribution Whangarei to Whangaroa

P. bollonsi; On Poor Knights Island

Large land snail *Powelliphanta fiordlandica* (Climo, 1971)

Large land snail *Powelliphanta gilliesi compta* (Powell, 1930)

Large land snail *Powelliphanta lignaria lignaria* (Hutton, 1888)

Large land snail *Powelliphanta lignaria lusca* (Powell, 1949)

Large land snail *Powelliphanta lignaria oconnori* (Powell, 1938)

Large land snail *Powelliphanta lignaria unicolorata* (Powell, 1930)

