

Kohekohe

A really different tree

Kohekohe trees have flowers and seed pods that grow directly from the trunk or large branches. This is a feature of equatorial plants and indicates that NZ was once much warmer than now. The trees flower in May/June and then green golf-ball-sized fruit capsules containing bright orange jelly covered seeds appear. The flowers and seeds are a great source of food for birds such as tui and kereru.

Come and visit in May /June to see the flowers and hear the tui.

The flowers grow directly out from the trunks of the trees and branches. What purpose does this serve?

