

14. KAKAPO SWAMP



LANDSCAPE CHARACTER

The swamp is situated at the base of a terrace, adjacent to the Whitestone River. State Highway 94 runs closely beside it for approximately 2km. Fenced off from stock. It appears to be dominated by flax but contains a diversity of indigenous wetland species.

KEY CHARACTERISTICS

- Wetland at base of river terrace
- Proximity to part of SH 94

LANDSCAPE CHARACTER SENSITIVITY:

HIGH

Natural Factors: Wetland and wetland vegetation

Cultural Factors: Sharp boundaries of farmland and SH 94

Quality/Condition: Protected wetland, very high level of natural character and intactness

Aesthetic Factors: Contrasting swathe of indigenous vegetation at base of farmed terrace

VISUAL SENSITIVITY: HIGH at northern end, adjacent highway; LOW at southern end

Visibility: Northern end highly visible from SH 94 but larger southern end mostly screened from road.

Populations: Travellers on busy SH 94

LANDSCAPE VALUES

- Highly legible natural feature
- Administered by Department of Conservation as Wildlife Management Reserve
- Identified as significant wetland/wildlife habitat in SDCP