

March PĀNUI

Foxton's Dune Garden Rare Sighting



On Sunday, Arnim's team explored Foxton's Lupin Dune and nearby areas, making notable discoveries. Two *Autetaranga* plants were found with rare berries, and the Dune Garden continues to thrive with many new seedlings. *Tatarakeke* plants were abundant, and Lupin Dune's seedbank was a key focus, with some pleasant surprises elsewhere.

A standout moment of the day was the discovery of new katipo sightings. The team found several katipo spiders, with one particularly notable observation being the first time the species had been seen in propagation, a rare and exciting occurrence. This marks a significant milestone, as it's believed such propagation may only happen in lab conditions. These sightings are part of an ongoing effort to showcase katipo to visitors, and with several in the area now, it's easier than ever to share their beauty.

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The next Dune Garden session is set for April 6, if you're interested in helping out, contact Arnim on arnim@actrix.gen.nz