

## **Appendix III**

**Wetlands containing nationally or regionally rare,  
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### Schedule of wetland sites under 5 ha in the Taranaki region that contain nationally or regionally rare, threatened or uncommon indigenous flora or fauna

	Area	Grid reference	Ecological values	General description
Toko Wetland	2-3ha	Q20:274 054	Ferns ( <i>Hypolepis distans</i> ) and spotless crake ( <i>Porzana tabuensis plumbea</i> ). Other vegetation types include: pussy willow, raupo, <i>Carex secta</i> , native scrub and submerged Plants.	A wetland tributary of the Patea River
Te Wawa Wetland	4ha	P19:935 325	Spotless crake, flaxland and goldstripe gecko evident. Other vegetation types include: raupo reedland and <i>Carex</i> species.	Currently recovering from past drainage and removal of flax Plants.
Maitahi Wetland	0.5ha	P19:860 265	Habitat for spotless crake and Australasian bittern. Vegetation includes: raupo, <i>Carex</i> species and flax.	A small thin strip of no more than 10 metres wide in a swampy gully bottom that follows the stream course.
Pohokura Swamp	3ha	R19:540 244	Vegetation types include: raupo reedland, some willow and kahikatea in the lower reaches, and spotless crake.	Long thin gully surrounded by pine Plantations.
Waitotara Lagoon	2ha	R22:576 528	Raupo, spotless crake and maybe bittern evident. Other vegetation types include: reedland, toetoe, pampas and willows.	An oxbow lake.
Rapanui	0.5-1ha	Q18:483 659	Contains raupo and bittern.	A small wetland site located adjacent to State Highway 3 and the Rapanui Stream mouth.
Huiakama Lagoon	3-4ha	Q20: 455 157	Kahikatea and sedges on the river flats. Spotless crake. Other vegetation types include: <i>Juncus</i> species, kahikatea forest and <i>Carex</i> species.	An area of previously cleared land reverting back to a wetland.
Ararata Road	1ha	Q21:281 899	Spotless crake, raupo reedland, occasional <i>Carex</i> species around edge and one clump of willows.	A long 'V' shaped gully with a thin swampy stream. A man-made pond is located at the bottom of this gully.
Mudfish Wetland 1	3-4ha	Q20:268 963	Two very different vegetation types. One side is mainly flax and raupo and the other regenerating forest, with trees such as pukatea and swamp maire evident. Both areas are inhabited by Brown mudfish ( <i>Neochanna apoda</i> ).	Is thought to be the most significant wetland in respect of mudfish on the Eltham Peat. Terminal populations of mudfish are located at this site.
Mudfish Wetland 2	1-4ha	P21:001 834	Contains the Otakeho population of mudfish ( <i>Neochanna apoda</i> ). Could also be home to bittern ( <i>Botaurus poiciloptilus</i> ) and spotless crake ( <i>Porzana tabuensis plumbea</i> ). Vegetation types include: raupo, flax and <i>Carex</i> .	Wetland site with stream running through the centre.
Patea	3ha	Q22:538 597	Tadpole shrimp ( <i>Lepidurus apus</i> ) and pied stilt ( <i>Himantopus himantopus eucocephalus</i> ) located there.	Ephemeral wetland that is used by birds as a coastal stop off.

