



MARCH 2026 MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday 10th March 2026 from 7.00 p.m.
Palmerston North City Library – George Street entrance
The talk will be streamed via zoom see below for link

Talk: Small plants that are everywhere: mosses, liverworts, and lichens

Speaker: Leon Perrie, Curator of Botany, Te Papa



New Zealand is the world's hotspot for liverworts, with over 600 species and a comparatively high number of isolated evolutionary lineages. We've got lots of mosses and lichens too, with some 500 and 2000 species, respectively. Because they are small, this rich diversity is easily overlooked and often not appreciated. Nevertheless, mosses, liverworts, and lichens are significant components of many ecosystems, and they can be important in succession, habitat provision, geochemical cycling, and hydrology. This talk will introduce these three groups, and outline how they differ from each other. We'll also cover tips for spotting them in the field.

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