2018 Leonard Cockayne Lecture

Ornamental to detrimental: The invasion of New Zealand by non-native plants



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Aotearoa has more types of non-native plants than almost anywhere else in the world. It was believed that such nonnatives would never pose a risk to our native flora, but many of these introduced species are now causing significant economic and environmental costs.

Philip explores New Zealand's history of plant invasions and examines the underlying causes and potential future trends. Some of these invasive plants have been introduced as commercial crops such as pine and pasture grasses, while others arrived as ornamentals from around the world for both home and botanic gardens.

Could invasive plants and non-native weeds choke our country? What are the tools to control these current and future flora threats?



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