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Did you know..... Pohutukawa can grow to 1,000 years old. The pohutukawa seeds are like tiny pieces of

Whangapoua & New Chums

- 11** Opera Point has pohutukawa to view on your arrival into Whangapoua. Walk over to New Chums Beach, (30 minute walk from Whangapoua to New Chums Bay). One of the most attractive and isolated beaches on the Coromandel fringed with pohutukawa from one end to the other.

Northern Coromandel

- 10** The pohutukawa of Coromandel are nowhere more beautiful than along the western shoreline below the Moehau Range where in places the road winds in and out of their aged twisted trunks.

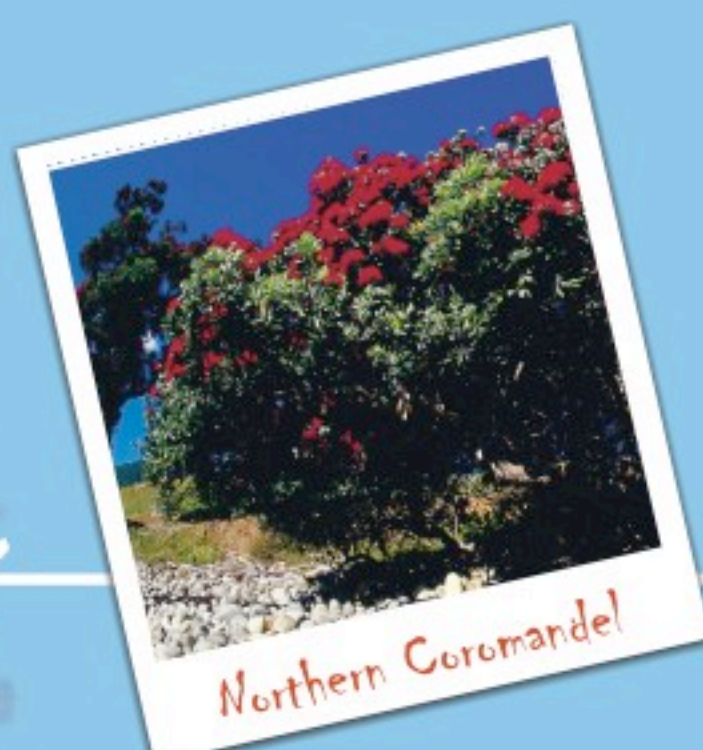


Pohutukawa north of Colville

Coromandel

- 9** Oamaru Bay foreshore reserve at the northern end of the bay has a stand of pohutukawa. One of these old trees planted by Brickly Park in 1953 is known locally as "The Christmas Tree". This is one of the most photographed pohutukawa on the Western side of the Coromandel and has a plaque up in the tree dedicated to Brickly who still lives in Oamaru Bay.

- 8** Central Coromandel (behind the Star and Garter and Century 21) has a huge pohutukawa, visible from the main intersection into Coromandel Town.



Northern Coromandel

Thames Coast

Pohutukawa trees line the route as the road hugs the coast to Coromandel Town. In summer the road is cloaked in the red velvet of flowering pohutukawa. Tararu Valley has a number of pohutukawa also.

- 7** Rata (when in flower) can be seen above the canopy of the forest along the Tapu-Coroglen Road.
- 6** Waionu domain has some real beauties to view. A great picnic spot.
- 5** Te Puru Domain has some mighty pohutukawa trees. One of these has recently been ear marked as historically significant. (behind the tennis court).

Thames

- 4** Thames High School (east boundary of the playing field) has a stand of pohutukawa.
- 3** Along Beach Road, Brown Street, between Karaka Stream, the tennis club and Victoria Park Rotunda have many spectacular pohutukawa. Victoria Park is of historical significance because of the Thames Railway. Use it as a great meeting place, picnic area for family and friends or enjoy a romantic stroll amongst the pohutukawa which flower profusely in season.



Thames Coast Road

- 2** From Goldfields Shopping Centre in Thames walk through to Victoria Park along the broadwalk. Visit the Karaka bird hide along this route or the small gauge railway, (runs sundays).

- 1** Travelling on State Highway 25 between Kopu and Hikui about a third of the way up the hill you can see rata very close to the road. The trees have metal collars around their trunks to protect them from possum.



Waionu Reserve

Kuaotunu, Opito & Otama

- 12** Pohutukawa are dotted along Bluff Road at the junction of Cuvier Crescent. Locals say these trees are over 100 years old. The Northern and Southern ends of Otama Beach have stands of pohutukawa. As you leave Otama Beach driving over to Opito Bay, there is a spectacular pohutukawa. Along the beach front at Opito Bay are some classic old pohutukawa.

Simpsons Beach

- 13** Simpsons Beach or Wharekaho Beach. Half way along the bay is a walkway between the road and beach with four of the biggest pohutukawa in Mercury Bay.

Whitianga

- 14** Whitianga has many amazing specimen of pohutukawa. At Lovers Rock Scenic Reserve in Robinson Road, follow the track and pohutukawa along the estuary. Sleemans Park on Victoria Street is a picturesque reserve overlooking the water with Pohutukawa for shade and picnic tables available for use. Soldiers Memorial Park in central Whitianga has three pohutukawa.

Cooks Beach

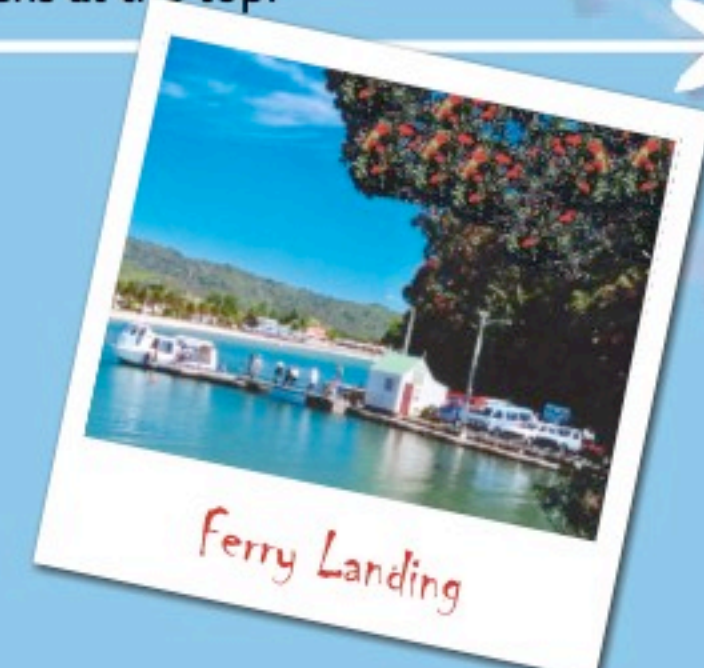
- 15** Stella Evered Memorial Park has dozens of ancient, very large pohutukawa. Access is from Lees Road, follow the signs (5km).

Hahei

- 16** Follow the walkway from Tutaritari Road to Tutaritari Reserve by Hahei Beach and the DOC walkway to Te Pare Point and Historic Reserve at the end of Pa Rd. The Northern and Southern ends of Hahei Beach have huge pohutukawa.

Hot Water Beach

- 17** There are many pohutukawa at the main car park and reserve on the eastern end including two that have yellow flowers. The old pa site on the headland at Hot Water Beach is literally covered with pohutukawa with some very old specimens at the top.



Ferry Landing

Sailors Grave

- 18** There are pohutukawa trees nestled amongst the bush along the roadside and around the carpark to Sailors Grave. The banks along the beach at Sailors Grave overhang with pohutukawa, giving welcoming shade over the summer month to beach goers.

Tairua

- 19** Tairua has many pohutukawa trees dotted around the whole area and spotted along walking tracks. On the corner of State Highway 25 & Rewarewa Valley Road is a spectacular pohutukawa. Pepe Reserve has many pohutukawa. Paku Road has trees on the drive up the hill and at Paku Point. Tairua Cemetery, Main Road, Tairua. During the time between 1864 and 1876 several deaths occurred at the local mill. When the first deaths occurred the mill authorities are said to have instructed, "Bury him (or her) up under the pohutukawa tree at the foot of the hill". This it seems, marked the beginning of the Tairua graveyard, later to be known as "The Cemetery".

Opoutere & Onemana

- 20** Drive into Opoutere village towards the Beach along the pohutukawa fringed Wharekawa Estuary.
- 21** Onemana Beach and the reserve at Onemana at the end of Onemana Drive.

Whangamata

- 22** The northern end of Whangamata on both sides of the Moana Anuanu Estuary is lined with Pohutukawa. A magic spot, along the harbour front in Whangamata.

Whititua

- 23** Whiritoa has huge old pohutukawa trees behind the shops at the northern end.



Whangamata

ous roots form out of trunks and branches. They are able to grow in the air over surfaces as they search for crevices, moisture and pickets of soil. The pohutukawa flower does not have petals, it has red stamens.

hair, there are hundreds in each pod. A pohutukawa seed will only last about six months. Leaves on a pohutukawa tree last for four years. Every year a tree loses 25% of its leaves. Rata flowers are more orange than crimson. Rata start in the forest where pohutukawa finish. Pohutukawa roots have the ability to sprout root systems as and where needed. These adventures