

## **Wildlife Corridors of Māpua November Meeting**

The Tasman Bay Guardians ([www.tasmanbayguardians.org.nz](http://www.tasmanbayguardians.org.nz)) hosted our 20 November Wildlife Corridors Meeting with their Whitebait Connection programme. We met at the area just downstream of the waterway between Rana Place and Topi Way. This location was chosen because previous TDC fish surveys have spotted Inanga eggs there in the past. We looked at some of the plants Inanga like best for egg laying, including bachelor's button and fescue grass. While we were there we also saw a rare plant, Maori musk or *Thyridia repens* which is an obligate wetland plant and naturally uncommon or at risk nationally.

The Tasman Bay Guardians are coordinating with the Wildlife Corridors to collect eDNA samples from 3 wetland locations in Māpua this summer. If all goes well, data from this project will be made available to the public through the MDCA website.

The real egg laying will happen on the spawning tide of the full moons in January and February when we will be planning a night-time outing on the water to spotlight for wild animals. Stay tuned!