



DECEMBER 2024 ANNUAL SOCIAL MEETING


Please bring some Christmas Treats to share

Tuesday 10th December 2024 @ 7.30 p.m.

PN City Library, George Street Entrance, Palmerston North
(will be streamed via zoom, see below for the link)

Talk: "Tradescantia Beetle as a Weed Bio-control Agent in Manawatu"

Speakers: Tod Palenski, Biodiversity Services Ltd.

Common Name	Tradescantia Leaf Beetle	Tradescantia Tip Beetle
Latin Name	<i>Neolema ogloblini</i>	<i>Neolema abbreviata</i>
Status	Released 2011, established	Released 2013, established
Adult	Dark metallic bronz with slight iridescence	Wing cases are yellow with black stripes and dots
		
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Tod will talk about how the Tradescantia leaf beetle (*neolema ogloblini*) and Tradescantia tip beetle (*neolema abbreviata*) are being used as a bio-control agent against the widespread and environmentally damaging weed Tradescantia fluminensis in the Palmerston North region.

Join Zoom Meeting

Time: Dec 10, 2024 07:30 PM Auckland, Wellington

<https://forestandbird-org-nz.zoom.us/j/88902024406?pwd=9yDTjgajuFWG6309SIOWEdGquDaAIIm.1>

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