



## Tahunaatura Stream Gorge

**Site Number:** 579  
**Ecological District:** Atiamuri  
**Source of Information:** Field work 2016  
**Digital Scale:** 1:5,000  
**Data Source:** WRAPS 2012  
**Regional Council:** Waikato  
**1998 Site Number:** Not identified as a site in Shaw and Beadel (1998)  
**Current Tenure:** Unprotected  
**Site Area:** 16.06 ha  
**Altitude Range:** 280-400 m  
**Bioclimatic Zone:** Lowland  
**Grid Reference:** NZTM E1870923, N5752594

VEGETATION		LANDFORM	EXTENT
CODE	TYPE		
1	<b>Radiata pine/kānuka-kōhūhū forest</b> Wilding radiata pine (up to 30 m tall) are emergent over kānuka and kohuhu. Other species in the site include whēkī, bracken, mingimīngi, <i>Coprosma rhamnoides</i> , gorse, blackberry and <i>Carex secta</i> in gully seeps.	Gully	16.06 ha

**Indigenous Flora:** No threatened or at risk plant species as listed in de Lange *et al.* 2013 have been recorded from this site.

**Fauna:** No threatened or at risk bird species as listed in Robertson *et al.* 2013 have been recorded from this site.

**Notes on Overall Condition:** Moderate quality secondary forest established on steep gully sides since clearance. Wilding pines are scattered throughout.

**Change Relative to Shaw and Beadel (1998):** Unknown

**Threats/Modification/Vulnerability:** Wilding pines (radiata pine) control is required. Gorse and Japanese honeysuckle are present.

**Risk Assessment:** Wilding pines: Risk to site - low; Timeframe - low.  
 Other weeds: Risk to site - low; Timeframe - low.

**Significance Level:** Local (Appendix 7 - Table 1 - Criteria 9, 11; Table 2 - Factor S).

**Significance Justification:** Only 6.6% of Atiamuri Ecological District remains in indigenous vegetation cover (Leathwick and Clarkson 1995). This area is part of a larger natural area (it is contiguous with Tahunaatara Stream Marginal Strip), and is of Local significance.

**Field Work Required:** No field work required.

**Notes:** This site adjoins Tahunaatara Stream Marginal Strip (Natural Heritage Site No. 539 in Shaw and Beadel 1998).

**References:** None