*Halimium lasianthum* (rock rose)

The example below is flowering from late spring into the autumn in the central northern part of Orchard car park. It is a low growing grey leaved shrub that thrives in warm sunny sites.

Grows to about 70cm in height with a larger spread.

Leaves simple, oval, opposite, grey pubescent, flowers from late spring.
*Hamamelis mollis*  (Chinese witch hazel)

There is an example of this deciduous species growing in the old Formal Garden to the north west of Commerce Building. For most of the year this shrub is not noticed, but if flowers from early July for four to six weeks during the winter when there is not a lot of other species in flower. It is nearby the winter sweet which has a much more pleasant fragrance than this plant. For a comparison of flowering see *Chimonanthus praecox*. Chinese witch hazel appear to be relatively slow growing and are not be more than about four metres after twenty years.

*Hamamelis mollis*  witch hazel

Old leaves are often still attached at the start of flowering in late June or early July.
*Hamamelis mollis* ‘Goldcrest’ (Chinese witch hazel)

This example was photographed at the eastern side of the path from Farm Road to the Recreation Centre. It is still a relatively young deciduous shrub. This appears to be the only example of this cultivar on campus.

A fragrant flowering young shrub at the south east corner of the Recreation Centre

Flowers are a deep yellow, better colour than the species with a deep crimson calyx.
*Hamamelis vernalis*  (Ozark witch hazel)

There is one example of this species against the western facing wall of Colombo Hall near Farm Road. This is an upright growing deciduous species growing to about 2m in height, with a spread of half that. This species has the smallest petals of all the witch hazels on campus. The petals are yellow (with some orange - red at the base seen in the calyx between the petals). The petals are about 10mm x 1mm. Flowering time is from early July until the end of August or thereabouts.

This is an upright growing species near the northern end of Colombo A on the western side.

The petals of this species are about half the length of the other *Hamamelis* on campus.
*Hamamelis virginiana*  (Virginian witch hazel)

This is a deciduous autumn flowering species located in the Amenity area in the border to the south of the pond. It flowers earlier than the normal species of witch hazel that flower in mid to late winter. This species was observed in flower in early March 2009. This is the only example of this species on campus that I am aware of. This is a far less common species of witch hazel in New Zealand, but appears to be an excellent garden specimen. Leaves simple, alternate, petiolate, obovate, upper half margin toothed.

A deciduous shrub to about 2m currently, with a spread of about half its height.

Flowering in autumn (photo early April)  

Flowers without petals (July – August)
Hamamelis × intermedia ‘Arnold’s Promise’

This example was photographed at the western side of the path from the north of Forbes towards Hudson. There are two shrubs of a similar age in this border. Both are still relatively young deciduous shrubs. These are the only examples of this cultivar on campus that I have seen, probably planted about 2004.

A young shrub at the south east corner of the Recreation Centre

Flowers are a pendulous and a clear yellow, fragrant.
Hamamelis × intermedia ‘Diane’

There appear to be three examples of this cultivar, one at the north west corner of Forbes, another against the western wall of Colombo C. (south end), and a further example on the western side of Colombo Hall near Farm Road. ‘Diane’ has darker coppery flowers that retain the same colour for the whole length of the petals, it also is dark crimson-purple at the base.

Petals are a coppery orange, flowering is from late June.

Branches ascend quite strongly, the shrub ultimately requiring three to four metres in height and spread. Note old leaves still attached mainly in the juvenile parts of the shrub.
**Hamamelis x intermedia** ‘Jelena’ syn. ‘Copper Beauty’

This example was photographed at the south entrance from the car park entrance to Stevens Hall. ‘Jelena’ is a selected cultivar of hybrid between *H. mollis* and *H. japonica*. This differs from a very similar cultivar called ‘Diane’ by the petals changing in colour from the base which is orangey red to a more yellow colour at the tips. ‘Diane’ is west of Colombo at the north and south ends of Colombo C. and to the north and west of Forbes. There is only only one example of ‘Jelena’ on campus that I am aware of.

Above photographed in mid June before flowering, below in early August

Note the change of petal colours from dark at base to paler yellow at the distal end
Hebe albicans

Hebe albicans is easily recognised by having glaucous (blue-green) leaves. It is an evergreen New Zealand native shrub that is normally about half to three quarters of a metre in height and a metre or so across after a few years. There are many examples of this species on campus, this example is on the south side of the Field Service Centre, there is another example east of the front entrance on the north side of the building as well. It has white flowers in mid to late summer.
*Hebe x andersonii*

This is an evergreen species commonly seen in gardens, it flowers intermittently through the year with the main flowering over the summer. According to Metcalf this is a hybrid between two species *H. speciosa* and *H. salicifolia*.

This example was photographed at the south east corner of the Horticultural Teaching lab near Farm Road.

*Hebe x andersonii* ‘Andersonii Variegata’ This variegated cultivar is more commonly planted on the Lincoln campus than the original cross. Examples can be seen south east of the Horticultural Teaching lab. and in Calder Drive just south and east of where Farm Road crosses.
Hebe ‘Autumn Glory’

Examples of this cultivar, that is possibly a cross between *H. pimelioides* and *H. albicans*, or *Hebe x franciscana* ‘Blue Gem’ (Metcalf) can be seen heading toward the western entrance to the offices at Field Services Centre. It has violet-blue flowers mainly from mid to late summer and intermittently into autumn. The flowers in the lower picture were photographed in July, odd flowers may be seen at almost any time of the year. This is a low growing shrub, usually less than half a metre in height with a spread of up to twice that.

This example above is on the western side of the Field Services Centre Lecture theatre.

Leaves are sessile, obovate, margin and stems red, flowers are in compact racemes, florets with short pedicels.
**Hebe ‘Blue Clouds’**

There is an example of this cultivar growing in the Amenity area at the south end of the Hebe collection. This is the only example of this cultivar on campus that I am aware of. It is easily recognised by its blue flowers that appear both in mid winter, but mainly in the summer months. Leaves are a maroon-green particularly in the winter months.

An evergreen shrub that spreads wider than high, less than a metre across.

Blue – mauve flowers, this cultivar appears to have *Hebe speciosa* as one of its parents.
*Hebe x carnea* ‘Carnea Variegata’

This example is just west of the Field Services Centre lecture theatre. Metcalf suggests it is a hybrid of *H. speciosa* with the other parent unknown. Flowers are red-purple and are mainly seen over summer with occasional flowers at other times of the year. This example may be the only one on campus.

Leaves may also become tinged red in the colder weather.

This cultivar has reverted back to the green form and needs attention if the variegation is to be retained.
Hebe chathamica

This species is a good ground cover plant growing to usually less than thirty centimetres or so in height, but spreading over a metre or more. It has white flowers to pale mauve in summer. This plant is suitable as a trailing ground cover plant for banks and so on.

This example is growing on the east side of Springs Road near Gate 3. It appears to be the only example of this species now on campus.
Hebe decumbens

*Hebe decumbens* is a low growing spreading plant suitable as a ground cover. It will layer itself as it grows under good conditions. His species can grow to cover wide areas of ground by layering itself. It normally grows to between thirty and fifty centimetres. Examples of this species can be seen toward the western side of Matron’s car park.

A low growing spreading plant, suitable for ground cover.

Margins of leaves are red, stems black.
*Hebe diosmifolia*

*Hebe diosmifolia* is a moderately large growing bun shaped shrub, an example of which can be seen on the western wall of the Field Service Centre lecture theatre. Smaller growing cultivars of this species include the freer flowering ‘Wairau Beauty’, examples can be seen growing against the north face of the Field Service Centre just east of the entrance to the lecture theatre.

This example is at the north west of Matron’s car park, other are west of the Field Service Centre and at the Amenity area.

Note the leaf margins are usually serrated, a useful clue to identifying this species.
Hebe elliptica  
kokomuka

An example of this species is found near Gate three, the entrance off Springs Road to Orchard car park. This is essentially a coastal species that has been involved in hybridisation work because it has large flowers and is hardy. Flowering occurs mainly over the summer. This species tends to be upright and may grow to 2m or more.

Flowers from leaf axils are white or tinged pale mauve – late spring and early summer.

Upright bun shaped evergreen shrub near Gate 3, another example is growing opposite the above on the south side of the drive.
*Hebe x franciscana* ‘Lobelioides’ syn. ‘Blue Gem’

This is a popular shrub grown for its display of mauve blue flowers and clean foliage. This species can grow to about one and a half metres in height, but is often less. It is a bun shaped plant, that can be mass planted and used as a larger ground cover or buffer plant. It is an excellent coastal plant and hardy at Lincoln. It is described as a hybrid between *H. speciosa* and *H. elliptica* by Metcalf. Examples can be seen south of the Horticultural Teaching lab. and north and west of the Field Services Centre as well as other locations on campus.

Most of the flowering is in the summer, these intermittent flowers were photographed in July.

*Hebe x franciscana* ‘Variegata’ syn. ‘Waireka’ is a variegated and smaller growing cultivar selected from *Hebe x franciscana* ‘Lobelioides’.
Hebe ‘Inspiration’

This is another interspecific hybrid with *H. speciosa* as one of the parents, the other is *H. diosmifolia* (Metcalf). This is a hardy older cultivar which has been grown on campus, there are examples in Farm Road on the south side of the Horticultural Teaching lab., on the western side of the Field Services Centre and on the eastern side of Lincoln Ventures. Main flowering is in early to mid summer with intermittent flowers produced at other times during the year.

This example is on the east facing wall of Hudson Hall.

Leaves are simple, decussate and oblanceolate. Petioles, midrib and stems are red-purple, Flowers are purplish fading to white in lateral racemes crowded near the tip of the branches.
**Hebe ‘Lavender Lace’**

This is a hybrid between *H. diosmifolia* and another unknown species. It typically has two flowering periods, in the middle of winter and in the summer. It may grow to about one and a half metres or so in height and spread. Flowers are a lavender colour that fades to white.

There is an example of this cultivar on Calder Drive on the west side, just south of where Farm Road crosses. Another example is north west of the High Performance Cricket Centre.

This cultivar was first described from a plant growing north of the now demolished McCaskill Building as part of a species collection. I could not key this to any species and after discussions with Lawrie Metcalf I described this cultivar for registration in 1983. It had been sold as a selected cultivar under different names by nurseries prior to this.