



Above: Tree ferns that are partly protected from a fire's main heat by a track may survive. The central fronds of this fern are undamaged.

Top right: After 3 days of burning fire at Eastbourne became a grave threat as it swept closer to houses.

Middle right: The disheartening sight of blackened gorse trunks brings the realisation that the regeneration process has to begin all over again.

Bottom right: Fire burnt quickly through the gorse on the distant hill and on the right. Once native vegetation, even manuka, is established the likelihood of fire is lessened.

Below: Though this flax is badly burnt, it will survive. In many burnt areas this plant provides the first green in a blackened landscape.

