

The New Zealand Ecological Society is delighted to be hosting this evening event as part of its annual conference, being held at Massey University, 16-20 November, 2014.

Science, myths and gardening



Ken Thompson

Date: Monday 17 November

Venue: Meeting space, ground floor, Public Library, George St

Time: 7-9pm

Ken has had a varied academic career in the UK, at Durham, Plymouth and Sheffield Universities, eventually becoming senior lecturer in ecology. Ken has co-authored several books, some for scientists and many on gardening and ecology for the general public including *Compost* (2007), *The book of weeds* (2009), *Do we need pandas? – the uncomfortable truth about biodiversity* (2009), and *Where do camels belong? The story and science of invasive species* (2014).

Ken is increasingly interested in the public understanding of science. He was one of the leaders of the "Biodiversity in Urban Gardens in Sheffield (BUGS)" project. He writes a frequent gardening column for the *Daily Telegraph* and often speaks to gardening clubs and societies. In his spare time, Ken enjoys gardening, walking, reading and supporting Plymouth Argyle football club. He is ably supported by wife Pat and two adult sons.

