



This information has been digitized for use in the Ethnomathematics Digital Library (EDL), a program of Pacific Resources for Education and Learning (PREL). The EDL is sponsored by the National Science Foundation as a part of the National STEM Digital Library (www.nsdsl.org).

LIST OF MATAORA PATTERNS OF MOKO

by
H. G. Robley

Digitized 2003. Material is in the public domain.

Robley, H. G. (1931). List of Mataora patterns of Moko. *Journal of the Polynesian Society*, 40, 44-46.

This product was funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF) as a component of the National Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Education Digital Library (NSDL), award number DUE0121749. Any opinions, findings, conclusions, or recommendations expressed in this material are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily reflect the views of NSF.

LIST OF MATAORA PATTERNS OF MOKO.

 BY H. G. ROBLEY.

- | | | |
|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| 1. <i>Tonokai</i> ¹ | General name for lines on forehead. | |
| 2. <i>Titi</i> | Large scroll-pattern on centre and upper forehead. | B, M, S, T, TR, W
(see note at foot). |
| 3. <i>Tiwhana</i> | Series of long lines on forehead, sweeping from inner end of eyebrow across forehead, down and across temple. | B, M, S, T, TR, W. |
| 4. ? | Small scroll-pattern breaking top series of <i>tiwhana</i> at drop on temple. | |
| 5. <i>Pukaru</i> | Small scroll-pattern breaking lower series of <i>tiwhana</i> at outer end of eyebrow. | ? included in <i>rewha</i> . |
| 6. <i>Rewha</i> | A curl under inner and outer ends of eyebrow on to upper eyelid. | <i>Pukaru</i> in B, and includes 5 and 6 in S, T, TR, W. |
| 7. <i>Ngu</i> | Pattern on nose. | Includes 8 in B, M, S, T*, W. |
| 8. <i>Whakatara</i> | Spiral on upper side of nose and short curved lines below spiral. | TR has this as well as 7. |
| 9. <i>Pongianguia</i> | Spiral on lower side of nose—the wing. | B, S, T*, TR, W. M has <i>poiino</i> . |
| 10. <i>Rerepehi</i> | Series of long curves past mouth from nose to chin. | B, S, T, W. <i>Titi</i> in M, <i>pawaha</i> in T. |
| 11. <i>Kauae</i>
[<i>kauwae</i>] | Scroll-pattern on chin. | B, S, T; <i>kohiti</i> or <i>hua</i> in M; <i>kawe</i> , four lines on each side of chin, and <i>pukawae</i> , six lines on chin in T. |
| 12. <i>Ngutu purua</i> | Lines on lips. | B; ? <i>pihere</i> of T. |
| 13. <i>Hupe</i> ² | Scroll-pattern on lip below nostril. | B; at point of nose in T; <i>rerehupe</i> , six lines below nostril in T. |

¹ General name for lines on forehead, derived from movement made by raising the eyebrows when a person assents to the enquiry if he wants food cooked for him.

² Blank in Robley's list; name supplied by E. Best.



14. *Kumikumi* Curved lines on cheek under eye,
continuing into 15.
15. *Paepae* Large upper spiral on cheek. S, TR, W; *kouriri*
in B; ? *paetarewa*
in T.
16. *Korowaha* Large lower spiral on cheek. B, M; *kokoti* on
the cheeks in T*.
17. *Putaringa* Scroll-pattern between ear and 15. B, S, T*, TR, W;
kokoti in M.
18. *Wero* Hatched curves on cheek at upper
angle between 10 and 16. B, S, TR.
19. ? Scroll-pattern on chin in lower an-
gle between 10 and 16.
20. *Kohiri* Arrowhead scroll-pattern near ear *Putaringa* in B—
in angle between 15 and 16. see 17; curved
line on cheekbone
in T; *wakaraka*
lines below cheek-
bone and ear in T.
21. ? Small scroll-pattern in lower angle
between 16 and 22.
22. ? Hatched spiral-ornament below ear
to left of 16.
23. ? Similar to 18, *wero*, but between 10 *Wero* in B—see 18.
and 15.
24. ? One-eighth inch space down centre
of face from upper forehead to
chin, dividing pattern into two
symmetrical halves.

B=Elsdon Best, MSS. notes Urewera district.

M=W. Marsh (Te Rangi), MSS. in Grey Collection, Auckland.

S=Edward Shortland, *Southern Districts of New Zealand*, p. 17; 1851.

T=Richard Taylor, *Te Ika a Maui*, ed. 1, 1853, p. 153; ed. 2, 1870, p. 323.

T*=" " *A Leaf from the Natural History of New Zealand*,
p. 57; 1848.

TR=Edward Tregear, *Maori-Polynesian Comparative Dictionary*; 1891.