



ABOVE: On the reserve at Castle Hill in Canterbury grow the only plants in the world of the native buttercup *Ranunculus paucifolius*. In 1948 there were only 32 plants left. An ecological survey was made and as a result of applying the conclusions from it there are now 200 plants, and the species has been saved from possible extinction.

BELOW: *Ranunculus paucifolius* in flower at Castle Hill.

