



Title: “Yellow Hook (2)”

Description: Canola crop, South Canterbury.

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Where, when: Hook, St Andrews, South Canterbury, November 2021.

Sustainability? I was attracted to this canola (oil seed rape) crop at Hook, 15 km south of Timaru, because of its arresting colour. My thoughts on the importance of appreciating our rural landscapes is outlined in the description for the image “Yellow Hook (1)”.

Rapeseed (*Brassica napus*), also known as Rape, Oilseed Rape, and Rapa, is used in the production of animal feed, vegetable oil for human consumption, and biodiesel. The crop is an important part of the farmers crop rotation, providing good financial returns and improving production of the whole cropping rotation. It rests the soil and improves soil structure, and can break cereal pest and disease cycles, thereby reducing the need for spraying.

This is one of 6 images of the canola crops presented in this gallery (HM#001 – HM#006). I was attracted to this canola (oil seed rape) crop at Hook, 15 km south of Timaru, because of its arresting colour. My thoughts on the importance of appreciating our rural landscapes is outlined in the description for the image “Yellow Hook (1)” and “Paeora Estuary”; and its role in crop rotations is outlined in the description for “Yellow Hook (2)”. The role of plant selection and Genetic Modification is explored in “Yellow Hook (3)” and aesthetic value in and “Paeora” and rural decline in “Barn on the brae”.

Photo notes: This is a panorama from 10 images, each of which was a focus stacked assembly of 5-10 exposures. Each exposure was 1/160s, 28 mm focal length, f/9, ISO-100.

Let’s hope I have now got the yellow out of my systems for a while!

Digital specs: 14,466 x 6,551 pixels (95 MP).

Key words: Farming, rural landscape, canola, oil-seed rape, cropping, tourism, Aotearoa, New Zealand, Sustainability.

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I recommend that the donation goes to the *Pareora Catchment Society* because it is a not-for-profit coalition of farmers and local citizens who are working to improve water quality and biodiversity in the Pareora estuary and river.

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