



Living Streams Community Nursery Autumn Newsletter

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It is Autumn now and time to start thinking about planting. Over summer we regularly had rain so the soil is well prepared to receive your new plantings soon!

We have some stock to move and some of these plants are a good size to get a head start with.

Trees for the Birds

Wineberry- *Aristotelia serrata*, Mako Mako

A deciduous native, with serrated leaves hence the name, has small rose coloured flowers and black berries when ripe which native birds love. Frost tender when young but hardy when mature, a good shade tree best suited for a mixed planting.

Good size in a 1.5l pot for **\$4.**



Tree Fuchsia -*Fuchsia excorticata*, Kotukuktu

Another deciduous native eventually growing to 6m left unchecked. Prefers a shady spot and a moist soil. Has beautiful wax like flowers ranging in colour from a purple/bright pink in the typical fuchsia style, the fruit or drupes turn black when ripe and the Pigeons and Bellbirds love them, best not to park your car under one. The tree takes on almost knarly characteristic and has a papery brown bark. They can be a little frost tender when young so choose your spot.

1L pots at **\$4.**



Ngaio- *Myoporum laetum*

Fast growing tree, ideal for a coastal location such as Birdlings Flat, the leaves are waxy and have small white oil glands. Forms a bushy rounded tree that eventually developed a very distinctive trunk full of twists and holes. Small white starry flowers with a small pink blush and berries are purple, (foliage) poisonous to stock, frost tender when young. Pigeons enjoy the berries. Tolerates a dry stony soil and wind. Two sizes **\$4 & \$5**. Plants are a good height.



Five Finger *Pseudopanax arboreus*

Bushy rounded tree, evergreen, has showy clusters of flattened purple/black fruit which the birds enjoy. Fairly fast growing, tolerates coastal conditions that have some shelter. Hardy. Attractive in mixed planting. Prices range from **\$4-\$8**.



Fruit of the Five Finger

Coprosma propinqua

Bushy scrub grows from 1-5m height, sometimes prostrate (mat-like) on an exposed stony coastal site. Can tolerate the dries of Birdlings Flat and a stream side planting in a wetter soil. Good for shelter or erosion control. Berries range from white to purple/blue and are good food for birds and Geckos. A valuable addition to a mixed planting. Good sized plants in a **\$5.00** size or smaller at

\$4.00

Grasses

Poa cita- Silver Tussock

Fast growing, extremely hardy even on dry poor soils. Seems to be the only grass that survives well at Birdlings Flat-thats the ones planted on mass at the playground. Hardy, wind resistant grows to about .7 x.7m. We have plenty at **\$2** a pot.



Carex comans 'Frosted Curls'-Green

.4 x.5m, hardy little grass, fast growing, looks mighty as a mass planting, ends curl around when mature. Best used at edges of a border or a rock garden excellent for a good ground cover. Prefers a well drained soil. **\$2** a pot.



Carex testacea

Bronzey/brick red foliage. Hardy.6 x.6m when mature. Full sun ensures vibrancy of colour. **\$2.**



Carex virgata- Pukio, Swamp Sedge

Suitable for swampy wet areas and vegetation projects. More dry tolerant than Carex secta and smaller. Hardy. fast growing.1mx1m. **\$2**



Anemanthele lessoniana 'Wind Grass'

Well named as the soft foliage and feathery flowers flutter in the wind. The reddish flower heads are a special feature of this grass and are amazing in mass plantings. Allow a bit of room they are quick growing and reach about 1.5m x 1.5m when mature wide when mature. Hardy. **\$2**



Chionochola rigida 'Narrow Leaf Snow Tussock'

Hardy tussock, cold & dry tolerant typical of lower level alpine conditions. 1m high when mature, attractive flower heads from Dec-Feb. **\$4-\$5** depending on size.



Larger Trees

Plagianthus regius

Lowland Ribbonwood, Manatu. A good hardy specimen, tolerant of wetter conditions, will grow well in a wet and poor soil. Excellent for along side streams in a mixed border, or for shelter. It is a tree so can reach anywhere from 6-10m. and the trunk can reach 1m in diameter with a wide spreading crown. Has a distinct juvenile divaricating form and is one of the few deciduous native trees. Starting at **\$4.00**-much larger trees for **\$10** in a PB8 size

Hoheria angustifolia

Narrow Leaf Ribbonwood, Lacebark, Hungere.

Another hardy tree also suitable for a wetter site, neatly shaped when mature. Grows from to 4-10m. Small white flowers in clusters in February. **\$4.00**

Lemonwood

Pittosporum eugenioides-Tarata

A quick growing tree useful for shelter and makes a wonderful hedge, faster growing than *Griselinia* (Broad leaf). The leaves have a lovely spicy smell after a rain and the flowers produce a beautiful sweet smelling lemon aroma. Good tree for the bees, evergreen but frost tender when young. Priced from **\$3-\$5**.



Lemon wood hedge



Flowers of Lemon wood

Lophomyrtus obcordata-Rohutu" NZ Myrtle

Small roundish leaves with a red margin. Good I read for pleaching-you will have to look up Mr Google for that one. I have never seen it used this way but might be tempted to try it out. It would be a good contrast plant in a mixed border or regeneration project. Can also be used for a hedge or screening. Has small white flowers with large stamens, red berries which benefit the birds. Hardy and evergreen.



Foliage



Flower of Lophomyrtus

Mrysiine divaricata

Weeping Matipo/Mapou

An attractive weeping habit with a stiff divaricating habit. Can reach 4m, tolerating an exposed and windy site and suitable most conditions. Hardy. **\$4-\$5.00**



***Come and visit our community nursery and feast your eyes.
Open wednesdays 9 – 3 and Saturdays 10 – 2.***