



Awhitu Landcare Nursery Plants – Handout for Landowners

If you are a local landowner looking to retire an area of land, perhaps a hillside or stream banks, we would like to be able to help you.

We aim to make it as easy as possible for Awhitu Peninsula landowners to plant native trees on their land. In this way, we extend plantings on the Peninsula, protect vulnerable areas (such as eroding hillsides and water catchments), and increase the plant and animal life in our region's land and water habitats.

Our Landcare community plant nursery is able to raise up to 20,000 plants a year (as long as we have enough willing volunteers!). Our nursery plants are grown from seed collected from healthy Peninsula species (eco-sourced), so they are well adapted to our local conditions, and therefore more likely to flourish. We only grow hardy plants suitable for revegetation purposes.

Plant orders will be taken from local landowners each year, for supply of plants the following autumn/winter, on a first in, first served basis. There are two different ways in which we can assist – please see details over page.

Fencing costs are always a big consideration in planting projects. There are some environmental funds available to assist landowners with these costs, and details are available from our website (funding sources and requirements change regularly).

If neighbours with adjoining properties are considering fencing and planting out the margins of a stream which is common to all properties, it may be that Awhitu Landcare is able to guide you with this. At the current time, a multi-ownership project which protects waterways is seen to be a very worthy one by funding bodies, and may have a reasonable chance of success.

Our ideal is to make the Awhitu Landcare community plant nursery a self-funding operation. If we are able to supply good numbers of local landowners with plants, and the labour to plant them, at an affordable rate, then as an added bonus this venture can also provide employment to locals.

We look forward to being able to assist local landowners with their future planting projects.

There are two different ways Awhitu Landcare can assist with your planting projects:

Purchase Plants ex Nursery

1. You decide on the quantity of plants you require (minimum order 300 plants)
2. Discuss species selection with us
3. We provide a quote (as a guide, plant sizes are up to PB3 and at today's date are costing an average of \$2.50 plus gst)
4. You place an order by December each year
5. You collect your plants from the nursery at a time agreed between us (typically May – July)

Purchase Plants in Ground (we organise the planting labour)

1. For larger projects (minimum order 1,000 plants) we can organise a paid labour team to do your planting for you
2. Every project will be different so at least one site visit will be required by us before we are able to quote (as a very rough guide, expect to add \$1.50 to the cost per plant for a 1,000 plant project on a reasonably level site)
3. The cost of travel and time required for a site visit will need to be reimbursed to Landcare by the landowner
4. Our responsibilities:
 - a) Grow the required number of plants for your project
 - b) Organise paid labour for planting
 - c) Deliver the plants to your address
 - d) Lay them out / plant them out at the agreed spacing (eg one plant every sqm)
5. Your responsibilities:
 - a) Ensure planting site is securely fenced off, to protect from stock
 - b) Prepare planting site well – eg spraying kikuyu and weeds twice over a couple of months prior to planting date
 - c) Transport the plants across your land by tractor / quad bike etc if vehicular access to the planting site is difficult

PLEASE NOTE – some areas of the Peninsula may require specialist ecological advice from consultants, with detailed planting plans drawn up. Whilst our hearts may be willing, these are beyond our capabilities to tackle. Typically these areas might be large scale plantings, cliffslides, extensive wetlands, etc. Please don't be offended if we have to say – regretfully - we are unable to help.

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