



TREES THAT COUNT
TE RAHI O TĀNE

Trees That Count is providing a solution to get a national count of native tree planting activity in New Zealand. But it's about planting trees that count – for restoring and enhancing our environment, for biodiversity, for climate change. Native trees.

To have the greatest impact on our environment, the trees that we are counting are:

1. Native—that is, indigenous to New Zealand
2. Species that have the potential to reach a minimum height of 5 metres at maturity
3. “In addition” to nature—that is, deliberately planted and not counted through natural regeneration
4. Planted with the intention of being maintained and protected until maturity.

What types of trees are included?

Some common native tree and shrub species that will meet Trees That Count’s criteria for planting are listed in the table below.

TREES		SHRUBS/SMALL TREES	
Common/Maori name	Latin name	Common/Maori name	Latin name
kauri	Agathis australis	akeake	Dodonaea viscosa
totara	Podocarpus totara	lemonwood, tarata	Pittosporum eugenioides
rimu	Dacrydium cupressinum	cabbage tree, ti kouka	Cordyline australis
kahikatea	Dacrycarpus dacrydioides	rangiora	Brachyglottis repanda
kanuka	Kunzea spp.	putaputaweta, marbleleaf	Carpodetus serratus
miro	Prumnopitys ferruginea	manuka, tea tree	Leptospermum scoparium
matai	Prumnopitys taxifolia	mahoe, whiteywood	Melictytus ramiflorus
pohutukawa	Metrosideros excelsa	karamu	Coprosma robusta
northern rata	Metrosideros robusta	shining karamu	Coprosma lucida
taraire	Beilschmiedia tarairi	horoeka, lancewood	Pseudopanax crassifolius
tanekaha, celery pine	Phyllocladus trichomanoides	lacebark, houhere	Hoheria spp
puriri	Vitex lucens	houpara	Pseudopanax lessonii
rewarewa	Knightia excelsa	five finger, whauwhaupaku	Pseudopanax arboreus
kowhai	Sophora spp	karo	Pittosporum crassifolium
titoki	Alectryon excelsus	ngaio	Myoporum laetum
kohekohe	Dysoxylum spectabile	kohuhu	Pittosporum tenuifolium
karaka	Corynocarpus laevigatus	red mapou	Myrsine australis
red beech	Fuscospora fusca	akiraho	Olearia paniculata
black beech	Fuscospora solandri	manatu	Plagianthus regius
red beech	Lophozonia menziesii	rautawhiri	Pittosporum colensoi
broadleaf	Griselinia littoralis	makomako, wineberry	Aristolelia serrata
kawaka	Librocedrus plumosa		

There are of course many other native trees and shrubs that are planted in New Zealand that will comply with Trees That Count’s criteria. Two online plant databases that are useful to indicate plant height ranges and can be used to determine which species will comply are:

- New Zealand Plant Conservation Network www.nzpcn.org.nz
- Landcare Research www.nzflora.landcareresearch.co.nz

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