

REGIONAL FAQ: BAY OF PLENTY



TREES THAT COUNT
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MEET WAYNE O'KEEFE YOUR REGIONAL ADVISOR



Wayne has been involved with ecosystem restoration since 2004. He has a wealth of experience in revegetation, coastal restoration, flora and fauna surveys, and pest, plant and animal control.

“I’m passionate about reforestation and am more than happy to talk trees with anyone, especially those who need a bit of help.”

BAY OF PLENTY

The Bay of Plenty is a diverse landscape with a strong agricultural focus which has seen most of the accessible land converted for production. A Regional Council with a strong environmental focus means there is support for landowners and community groups wanting to ‘do their bit’ on their properties or in a public space. Trees That Count recognises these synergies with other agencies and is able to support many of the diverse restoration projects happening throughout the Bay, from school groups to iwi led projects.



CHOOSING THE RIGHT TREES

Commonly used coloniser tree species for the region:

- Ti kōuka (*Cordyline australis*)
- Kānuka (*Kunzea ericoides*)
- Mānuka (*Leptospermum scoparium*)
- Karamū (*Coprosma robusta*)
- Kōhūhū (*Pittosporum tenuifolium*)
- Tarata (*Pittosporum eugenioides*)
- Koromiko (*Hebe stricta*)
- Putaputawētā (*Carpodetus serratus*)
- Makomako (*Aristotelia serrata*)

Every site will be unique: this is where Wayne can assist with site-specific recommendations. It can take a few seasons to learn what works well, and every season will be different, so be prepared for experiential learning too!



SOURCING YOUR TREES

Contact local nurseries at least a year ahead of planting, even if just to express your interest, so you can assess their stocks and species selection.

Trees That Count supports eco-sourcing: plants should be grown from seeds collected from naturally occurring vegetation close to where they are to be planted. Not only does this help maintain your area's natural uniqueness, but the plants will be suited to local conditions and more likely to survive.

Here's a list of local nurseries who can help with eco-sourced plants:



- Whakatāne:** Coastlands Plant Nursery
- Tauranga:** Naturally Native
- Rotorua:** Treeline Nurseries

These nurseries may also stock plants from outside your region, so you will need to ask specifically about their eco-sourced stock appropriate to your location.

PREPARING YOUR SITE FOR PLANTING

All sites are different. Some may require several years of weed control prior to planting and others may only need a pre-plant spot spray or spot clearance with hand tools.

There's plenty of expertise on hand to help you deal with weeds and pests before and after planting.

- [BOP Regional Council factsheets](#)
- [Predator Free NZ](#)
- [Weedbusters](#)
- [Massey University weeds database](#)
- [DOC advice on weed control](#)



For those interested in the cultural and medicinal aspect of our native plants, [Manaaki Whenua](#) provide some great resources.

Your nursery may be able to help with soil advice, if needed. Also think about mulch and weed mats; fencing and stakes; and labour for planting.

WORKING WITH TREES THAT COUNT

You can [apply](#) for trees, [add](#) them to the national count once planted, and [monitor](#) your plantings in the planter section of our website. We've also got [resources](#) with useful information to help give your plantings the best chance of survival and growth.



HANDY RESOURCES

If you'd like to review further information, the following guides might be useful to you:

- [DOC's practical guide on restoring native heritage](#)
- [BOPRC guide to native planting](#)
- [BOPRC wetland restoration guide](#)
- [New Zealand Plant Conservation Network](#)



GET IN TOUCH

Give Wayne a call for a chat about your site, or to set up a site visit. He can provide:

- site-specific advice to help refine your planting plan including scale, staging and time-frames – i.e. ‘to get the big picture right first’.
- help identifying solutions for weed/ pest control and maintenance.
- connections with relevant agencies, nurseries, contractors, suppliers and information sources.
- post-planting site visits to assess and monitor performance and advice on any necessary maintenance.
- advice for any supplementary planting, once your nurse-cover is successfully established to ‘add the gems’, such as rare plants, special features and increased biodiversity.

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