

# REGIONAL FAQ: TARANAKI



TREES THAT COUNT  
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## MEET SARAH ROTH YOUR REGIONAL ADVISOR



Sarah has a background in terrestrial ecology with a focus on botany and restoration. She has headed numerous impact assessments and management plans, and watched restoration of native forest, from farmland to birdsong, first hand. Sarah is passionate about freshwater and marine ecosystems, and loves seeing what landowners can do to improve water quality and habitat for native fishes and other aquatic life.

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“The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago, but the next best time is today. So if you need a hand deciding where to plant what, get in touch.”

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## TARANAKI

From rugged coastlines and the fertile ring plain to steep eroding hill country, this region sees a wide variance in climate, soil and land use. There is a strong riparian planting program led by the regional council and increasing interest in native regeneration on marginal farmland. Smaller landowners, community and iwi groups are demonstrating a commitment to native planting and working hard to do their bit to enhance and protect our biodiversity for generations to come.

## CHOOSING THE RIGHT TREES

Commonly used coloniser tree species for the region:

- Karamū (*Coprosma robusta*)
- Kānuka (*Kunzea ericoides*)
- Māhoe (*Melictyis ramiflorus*)
- Mānuka (*Leptospermum scoparium*)
- Taupata (*Coprosma repens*)
- Lacebark (*Hoheria sextylosa*)
- Ake Ake (*Dondonea viscosa*)
- Kōhūhū (*Pittosporum tenuifolium*)
- Tī Kōuka (*Cordyline australis*)
- Koromiko (*Hebe stricta*)
- Wineberry (*Aristotelia serrata*)



Every site is different, and we all have varying capacities, knowledge and experiences. Sarah can help with site-specific planning, from preparing the land and reducing problematic pest plants, to planning what species to plant in what area (is it damp? Is it exposed? How tall will it get?) and, very importantly, a maintenance plan to make sure all your hard work pays off with high survival rates and quick canopy closer. It can take a few seasons to learn what works well, and every season will be different so be prepared for experimental 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. Have as much of a plan as you can prior to making a call – this will increase your confidence and give the nursery more information.



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:

- **New Plymouth:** Atawhai Nursery
- **New Plymouth:** Woodleigh Nursery
- **New Plymouth:** Huatoki Native Plant Nursery
- **Hawera:** Landscape essentials
- **Patea:** Kii Tahi Nursery and Land Care

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

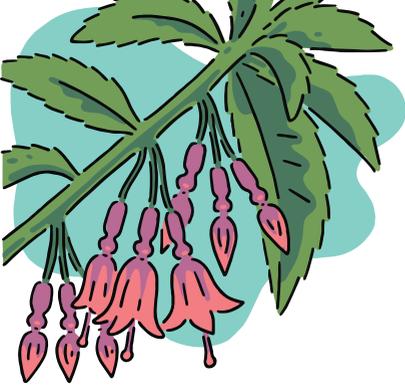
Every site is different. Some may require several years of weed control prior to planting and others may only need a pre-plant spot spray or spot clearance with hand tools. There are a lot of tools available to make the job easier: mostly knowledge!

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

- [Weedbusters](#)
- [Terrain](#)
- [DOC advice on weed control](#)
- Of course, feel free to get in touch with Sarah, too!

Predator control is also important to consider. Check out [Predator Free NZ's](#) resources and contact the Taranaki Regional Council about subsidised traps. The efforts each of us take on our own land make incredible cumulative impacts, so don't overlook the importance of this!

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. If you have a big site, and many hundreds or thousands of trees planned for planting in a season, we can work together to plan a community planting day.



## 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.

## GET IN TOUCH

Register with Trees That Count as a planter, then give Sarah a call for a chat about your site, or to set up a site visit so she can check it out in person and discuss what might work best for your project.

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## HANDY RESOURCES

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

- [Restore Taranaki's Restoration Planting Guide \(Egmont Ecological District\)](#)
- [Restore Taranaki's Restoration Planting Guide \(North Taranaki Ecological District\)](#)
- [Restore Taranaki's Restoration Planting Guide \(Matemateaonga Ecological District\)](#)
- [Restore Taranaki's Restoration Planting Guide \(Manawatu Plains Ecological District\)](#)
- [Restore Taranaki Restoration Planting Guide \(Foxton Ecological District\)](#)
- [New Zealand Plant Conservation Network](#)
- [TRC Riparian management](#)

