

# REGIONAL FAQ: MANAWATŪ - WHANGANUI



TREES THAT COUNT  
TE RAHI O TĀNE



From extensive dunelands, fertile lowland plains, rugged inland valleys to subalpine zones – this region sees a wide variance in climate, soil and land use. Many planting projects in the region take place in a rural context and there is a strong riparian focus on private land. Trees That Count is seeing increased interest in native regeneration of cutover pine and marginal farmland in the region, along with enthusiasm for native planting by smaller landowners.

## CHOOSING THE RIGHT TREES

Commonly used coloniser tree species for the region:

- Tī kōuka (*Cordyline australis*)
- Kānuka (*Kunzea ericoides*)
- Mānuka (*Leptospermum scoparium*)
- Karamū (*Coprosma robusta*)
- Kōhūhū (*Pittosporum tenuifolium*)
- Tarata (*Pittosporum eugenioides*)
- Koromiko (*Hebe stricta*)
- Mānatu (*Plagianthus regius*)
- Houhere (*Hoheria sixtylosa*)

It can take a few seasons to learn what works well. Every site is unique, 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:

- **Palmerston North:**  
Totara Glen Nursery  
Kauri Park Nursery  
Manawatū Native Plant Nursery
- **Levin:**  
Coastal Growers
- **Woodville:**  
Coppermine Nursery

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 before and after planting.

- [Weedbusters](#)
- [Massey University weeds database](#)
- [DOC advice on weed control](#)

Pest control is also an issue across all regions. Take a look at [PredatorFree's excellent 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.

## 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](#)
- [Restore Taranaki's Restoration Planting Guide \(Manawatū\)](#)
- [Restore Taranaki's Restoration Planting Guide \(Foxton\)](#)
- [DairyNZ: Riparian Management in the Horizons region](#)
- [Horizons: Managing Freshwater Resources](#)
- [New Zealand Plant Conservation Network](#)



## WORKING WITH TREES THAT COUNT

You'll want to get your applications for funded trees sorted out well ahead of time. 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 info to help give your plantings the best chance of survival and growth.

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