

NurseryNews

AN UPDATE FROM THE FOREST & BIRD NATIVE PLANT RESTORATION PROJECT (HIGHBURY & WAINUIOMATA)

WINTER 2023

It's been a pretty good winter so far. No wind, sunny days and generally we've had a much easier time of it than some other parts of the country. It's been a bit nippy in the mornings, but it is winter after all.



We've been busy preparing orders and at this stage approximately 6,170 plants have been distributed with still a few orders to be processed.

And we're pleased to welcome some new (younger) volunteers as a result of a visit from Wellington Regional Council.



A couple of stalwart volunteers Lyn Jones (left) and Bob Stephens busy in the potting shed. They both started at the Nursery in either 2011 or 2012. They can't remember quite when, or even who was here first.

FAUNA CORNER



A family of five Californian quail visited the Nursery recently. They inspected the earthworks behind shadehouse 1 where Peter Hunt had been levelling the ground that had slumped.

Less charming is the possum that did a poo in the seed shed. Richard is on the case.



A small but dedicated group sets off in a successful search for nikau seedlings on a recent plant-sourcing trip.



Many thanks to Tarron for the excellent labels he has produced.

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News from Wainuiomata

- The shadehouse is bursting full of plants and trees and plants are being potted up into PB2 potting bags. The standing out area is being expanded due to the quantity of plants. This is positive progress
- Some of the standing out areas will be marked for the various project site plants/trees to make management easier.
- Stock has been supplied to Baring Head and the Wainuiomata Regional Park projects already and it is intended to supply Waiu Wetland with up to 800 plants and trees.
- It is hoped that the need for local community volunteers to help out will be advertised on several local Wainuiomata facebook pages.
- July/August will be busy, not only potting up but also processing cuttings of various species from Baring head. There will be a couple of plant-sourcing trips.
- Jo Greenman, the East Harbour Regional Park Ranger, has supplied a list of species that they would like grown over the next ten years.
- Funding from the Regional Council for potting mix had to be used before the end of the June financial year. This didn't happen but Capital Compost has invoiced for the balance and will deliver the rest of the potting mix during July and August.

Looking for something to do?

Sunday 20 August ■ 11am – 12.15 pm

Early history of the Wellington Botanic Garden – Guided Walk

Learn about the history of the Wellington Botanic Garden through Papers Past. In Sept 1869 the first Botanic Garden Board “expended 122 pounds to set out footpaths”, “make a nursery garden”, and “convert the land into a highly ornamental domain”. An easy 75-minute walk.

Wellington Botanic Garden. Meet at the Founders' entrance, Glenmore Street. Cost: \$5 (cash only, please). Free for friends of the Wellington Botanic Garden.

Monday 28 August ■ 11am – 12.30 pm

Around the world with 20 plants – Guided Walk

A 90-minute guided walk that reveals how the stories of twenty plants, significant to the countries in which they are found, are entwined with history, culture, and folklore.

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WHERE OUR PLANTS GO

Planting on Whitirea Peninsula, Titahi Bay

This year we supplied them with 543 plants.



Planting on Ngaio Gorge Road

We supplied about 230 grasses for planting out on the recently re-opened Ngaio Gorge Road. Pictured below is a group of Trelissick Park volunteers doing the mahi on a lovely Wellington winter's day.



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