

NurseryNews

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

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Happily Wellington watering restrictions were not made any more severe and the plants survived the summer. Thanks to enough rain, restrictions have now been lifted.

The distribution of plants has gone smoothly this year, ably organised by Mike with a willing gang of collectors and carriers. 6, 800 plants have been given out so far and a list of “plants remaining” will be circulated soon for those who need any extras. The shade houses are looking somewhat empty and now begins the task of restocking for next year.



PHOTO: MARSHALL CLARK

It's distribution time again

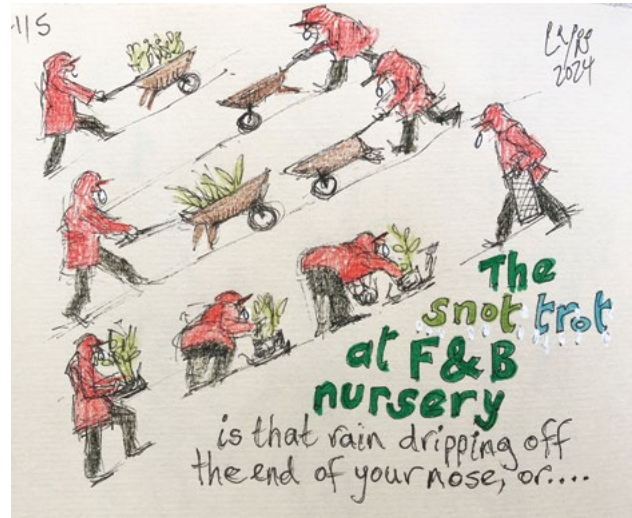


ILLUSTRATION: LYN CLARK

It's a big job gathering the plants for each order from all around the nursery and taking them up the hill. The photo (left) was the first big order for the season – over 1000 plants bound for Montgomery Avenue, Karori; the illustration above is volunteer Lyn Clark's impression of the task.



Peter, the non-slip technician, sorting out the paths.



It was a good morning's work collecting seedlings on Johnston's Hill in March.

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FAUNA CORNER



A pōpokotea/whitehead chick checking out the nursery. A parent was around but was less curious than this fellow. Thanks to Brittany for the photo.



Thanks to Sylvia for this photo of a female funnel web spider pottering around a potting shed. They can bite!

Myrtle rust arrives in Highbury



Myrtle rust has hit the ramarama so all 30 plants have had to be destroyed.



News from Wainuiomata



Left: From time to time there are problems with deer at the Wainuiomata Nursery. This photo shows the tops of the five finger chewed off. They have also nipped the growing taupata and karamu. It may be time to build a fence. Right: This photo shows the expanded standing-out area with additional plant stands. The irrigation system will be expanded to cover the new area.

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