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PLANT DESCRIPTION

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P – Pioneer **D** – Tolerates dry conditions **W** – Tolerates wind **C** – Tolerates coastal conditions **Wet** - Wetland **R** – Riparian

Code	Name		Height	Description	Attracts	Used for
	Titoki	<i>Alectryon excelsus</i>	8 m	Excellent specimen/shade tree.	Birds Bees	
C	Gossamer grass	<i>Anemanthele lessoniana</i>	1 m	Graceful ornamental grass with weeping habit.		
P, R	Makomako; Wineberry	<i>Aristolelia serrata</i>	6 m	A fast growing easy to establish small tree.	Birds Bees	
C, D, W	Renga renga	<i>Arthropodium cirratum</i>	1 m	Good as ground-cover for dry shade and under trees. Bears graceful white star-shaped flowers on stems from spring to mid-summer. Fruit/seeds January-March. Tolerates coastal winds. Semi-deciduous. Hardy.		
C, D, W	Chatham Island astelia	<i>Astelia chathamica</i>	1.5 m	Broad flax-like silver leaves, drooping at the tips. Stunning as a feature plant or used in groups. Tolerates dry and windy conditions. Prefers semi-shade but will also thrive in full sun. Hardy.	Birds	
P, C, D, W, R, Wet	Mountain toetoe	<i>Austroderia fulvida</i>	1.5 m	Smaller toetoe species flowering in the spring. Tolerant of wet and dry conditions.		Erosion Shelter
C, D, W	South Island toetoe	<i>Austroderia richardii</i>	2 m	Similar to C. toetoe. More upright with finer seed head.		Erosion Shelter
P, D, Wet	North Island toetoe	<i>Austroderia toetoe</i>	2 m	Hardy plant good for low shelter. Tolerates swampy and dry conditions.		Erosion Shelter
	Tawa	<i>Beilschmiedia tawa</i>	20 m	Large spreading forest tree with graceful willow-like foliage. Black fruits are loved by the Kereru (native woodpigeon).	Birds	
C, D	Hectors Tree Daisy	<i>Brachyglottis greyi</i>	1.5 m	A small shrub with grey foliage and yellow daisy-like flowers. Hardy plant that grows well on the coast.		
C, D, W, Wet	Buchanan's sedge	<i>Carex buchananii</i>	75 cm	Densely tufted species with a stiff erect habit. Reddish-brown colour and short seedheads.		
D, W	Carex 'Bronze'	<i>Carex comans</i>	40 cm	Beautiful grass with drooping creeping leaves. Looks great mass planted. Tolerant of a wide range of conditions including drought.		
D, W	Carex 'Frosted Curls'	<i>Carex comans</i>	40 cm	Beautiful grass with light green curly tops. Looks great mass planted. Drought tolerant.		
D, W	Trip-me-up	<i>Carex flagellifera</i>	60 cm	Dense tufts of arching leaves from a mopheap, seed stalks up to 1.5 m lie on the ground.		
P, C, W, R, Wet	Pukio	<i>Carex secta</i>	1 m	Large fast growing sedge. Attractive streamside and wetland plant.		
P, C, D, W,		<i>Carex testacea</i>	40 cm	Hardy grass. Attractive rich green and orange foliage. Tolerant of drought and coastal conditions.		
P, C, D, W, R, Wet		<i>Carex virgata</i>	1 m	Hardy vigorous sedge suitable for wet areas. Will also grow on dry sites.		
C	Putawetaweta; marble leaf	<i>Carpodetus serratus</i>	7 m	Small shrub or tree with attractive marbled leaves. Produces nectar Sept – Apr, fruits Mar – May. Intolerant of drought and wind. Frost tender when young. Tolerant of coastal conditions.	Birds	
D, W	Miniture toetoe	<i>Chionochloa flavicans</i>	75 cm	Large weeping tussock with flowing green/yellow leaves. Great for mass planting or singly. Seedheads appear February to April.		

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D, W	Red tussock	<i>Chionochloa rubra</i>	1 m	Attractive large tussock with slender bronze leaves. Excellent specimen plant. Impressive in exposed windy sites. Tolerates wet to dry, and low fertility soils. Seeds February to April.		
C, D	Sand coprosma	<i>Coprosma acerosa</i>	30 cm	Low spreading compact shrub with olive-green foliage. Fast growing. Tolerates dry conditions. Excellent on coast.		
C, D	Coprosma Black Cloud		20 cm	Excellent spreading coprosma for ground cover. Foliage turns black-bronze in colder weather. Intolerant of wet conditions. Tolerant of dry, windy and coastal conditions. Frost hardy.		
R	Kanono	<i>Coprosma grandifolia</i>	3 m	A large shrub with orange berries. Prefers shaded site and damp soil.	Birds	
	Coprosma Roy's Red		1 m	Compact small shrub. Clips well. Evergreen. Hardy.		
P, C, D, W, R, Wet	Mingimingi	<i>Coprosma propinqua</i>	2 m	A small leaved shrub with twiggy habit. Common in wet areas.	Birds	
C, D, W	Taupata	<i>Coprosma repens</i>	6 m	Hardy coastal shrub. Excellent wind and sea-spray shelter. Sensitive to heavy frosts.	Birds	
P, W, R	Karamu	<i>Coprosma robusta</i>	3 m	Very hardy shrub. Tolerates a wide range of conditions.	Birds	Bees
D		<i>Coprosma virescens</i>	3 m	Attractive divaricating shrub with an overall copper glow. Hedges well, or as a specimen. Once established tolerates poor dry soils.		
P, C, D, W, R, Wet	Ti kouka; cabbage tree	<i>Cordyline australis</i>	10 m	Hardy tree. Tolerates a wide range of conditions including swampy and coastal. Good for soil stabilisation.	Birds	Bees Erosion Shelter
D, W	Korokio	<i>Corokia cotoneaster</i>	3 m	Divaricating shrub with small star-like flowers in spring followed by berries in autumn. Tolerates coastal conditions. Excellent hedging.	Birds	
D, W		<i>Corokia virgata</i>	3 m	Hardy shrub good for low level shelter. Suitable to plant as an understory. Tolerates dry conditions.	Birds	
C, D, W	Corokia 'Frosted Chocolate'		2 m	A popular form of Corokia with chocolate brown foliage. Red berries in autumn.	Birds	
C, D, W	Corokia 'Geenty's Green'		1.5 m	Hardy shrub. A popular corokia with yellow flowers in spring and red berries in autumn. Great as a clipped hedge.	Birds	
C, R, Wet	Giant umbrella sedge	<i>Cyperus ustulatus</i>	1 m	Useful for damp or wet area revegetation. Tolerates coastal and in-land conditions.		
C, P, W, Wet	Kahikatea	<i>Dacrycarpus dacrydioides</i>	40 m	NZ's tallest native tree. Tolerates swampy conditions. Birds love the fruit.	Birds	
D, Shade	Turutu	<i>Dianella nigra</i>	50 cm	Slender flax-like leaves with magnificent bright blue berries in summer. Effective planted in groups. Prefers sun or semi-shade. Prefers damp conditions. Hardy.	Birds	
C, D, W	Akeake	<i>Dodonaea viscosa</i>	7 m	Small hardy tree. Excellent hedged wind break. Useful for stabilising erosion prone areas. Tolerates coastal wind and dry conditions.	Birds	Erosion Shelter

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C, D, W	Purple akeake	<i>Dodonaea viscosa 'purpurea'</i>	7 m	Small hardy tree. Excellent hedged wind break. Useful for stabilising erosion prone areas. Tolerates coastal wind and dry conditions.	Birds	Erosion Shelter
	Kotukutuku; tree fuchsia	<i>Fuchsia extorticata</i>	6 m	Small semi-deciduous tree with twisted shape. Largest fuchsia in the world. Flowers early spring – summer, fruit Jan – Mar. Frost tender when young.	Birds Bees	
	Tawhai raunui; red beech	<i>Fuscospora fusca; Nothofagus fusca</i>	30 m	Foliage deep red in winter. Durable timber.		
	Tawhai rauriki; black beech	<i>Fuscospora solandri; Nothofagus solandri</i>	20 m	Smaller leaves than red beech.		
	Puka	<i>Griselinia lucida</i>	5 m	Tolerates growing in tubs. Frost sensitive. Grows to 5 m.		
C, D, W, Shade	Boadleaf	<i>Griselinia littoralis</i>	10 m	Quick and easy to establish hardy tree. Useful as shelter hedging. Tolerates coastal and inland situations.	Birds	Erosion Shelter
C, D		<i>Hebe 'Blue Gem'</i>	1.5 m	Easy to grow and maintain. Blue flowers produced through summer. Excellent on coast.		Bees
C, D		<i>Hebe 'Inspiration'</i>	1 m	Attractive hardy hebe. Dark green leaves, purple flowers.		Bees
C, D		<i>Hebe 'Snowdrift'</i>	1.5 m	Evergreen bushy shrub. Long white or the palest mauve flowers appear late spring to autumn. Hardy.		Bees
C, D		<i>Hebe 'Wiri Image'</i>	1 m	Forms a hardy bushy, compact, evergreen shrub. It has dark green, spear-shaped leaves. Produces masses of flower heads in early summer. The flowers are violet, fading with age.		Bees
P, D, W, R	Koromiko	<i>Veronica stricta; Hebe stricta</i>	2 m	Hardy quick growing shrub. A useful nurse species for revegetating large areas.	Birds Bees	
P, R	Narrow leaved lacebark	<i>Hoheria angustifolia</i>	6 m	Fast growing with a mass of starry white flowers in summer.	Birds Bees	Erosion Shelter
P, R	Houhere; Lacebark	<i>Hoheria sexstylosa</i>	6 m	A fast growing evergreen tree with a graceful weeping habit when mature. More leaves than <i>H. populnea</i> .	Birds Bees	Erosion Shelter
P, D, W, R	Kanuka	<i>Kunzea ericoides</i>	8 m	Quick growing tree with attractive flowers and fragrant foliage. Tolerates drought, poor soil and frost.	Birds Bees	Erosion Shelter
P, C, D, W, R, Wet	Manuka; ti tree	<i>Leptospermum scoparium</i>	4 m	Quick growing tree. Useful for shelter and nurse species for revegetating large areas. Tolerates swampy conditions, drought and frost.	Birds Bees	Erosion Shelter
		<i>Lophomyrtus bullata</i>	4 m	An attractive shrub with distinctive blistered, reddish-coloured leaves. Grows in sun or partial shade. Attractive to bees. Frost hardy.		Bees
		<i>Lophomyrtus obcordata</i>	5 m	Excellent hedging or screening plant. Found naturally on forest margins. Very hardy		Bees
C, D, W	Pohutukawa	<i>Metrosideros excelsa</i>	15 m	Well known for its masses of crimson flowers at Christmas. Excellent coastal shelter and specimen tree. Avoid heavy frosts when young.	Birds Bees	
	Northern rata	<i>Metrosideros robusta</i>	15 m	Normally grows as an epiphyte but will grow in soil.	Birds Bees	
C, D	Tororaro	<i>Muehlenbeckia astonii</i>	15 m	Divaricating shrub from Cook Strait coastal area. Very hardy and wind resistant. Useful as low hedge. Attracts insects and lizards.		

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P, D, R	Mapou	<i>Myrsine australis</i>	5 m	Forms a dense bush. Tolerates a wide range of conditions. Grows well under other trees.	Birds	
D	Common tree daisy	<i>Olearia arborescens</i>	4 m	A small shrub with glossy green leaves. Large clusters of white daisy-like flowers appear in spring that develop into fluffy seeds. Tolerates dry and exposed sites.		
D	Mountain akeake	<i>Olearia avicenniifolia</i>	4 m	Spreading small tree with sweet showy flowers. Hardy plant withstands exposure. Flowers late summer.	Birds	
D	Twiggy tree daisy	<i>Olearia dartonii</i>	3 m	Small open branched tree. Trims well for fast hedging and shelter. Tolerant of a wide range of conditions.		
C, D, W	Akiraho; golden akeake	<i>Olearia paniculata</i>	4 m	Dense fast growing hedge or low shelter. Good for dry exposed sites. Intolerant of wet sites.	Birds Bees	
D, W	Coastal tree daisy	<i>Olearia solandri</i>	4 m	Hardy erect shrub. Fast growing hedge or low shelter. Good for dry exposed sites.		
D, Wet	NZ daisy bush	<i>Olearia virgata</i>	3 m	Hardy upright growing rounded shrub. Tolerates wet and swampy conditions.		
C, P, D, W	Mountain flax	<i>Phormium cookianum</i>	1.5 m	Good for coastal and colder areas.	Birds Bees	Erosion Shelter
P, C, D, W, R, Wet	Harakeke; Flax	<i>Phormium tenax</i>	2 m	Tolerant of wide range of conditions. Excellent for shelter.	Birds Bees	Erosion Shelter
C, W	Purple flax	<i>Phormium tenax purpurea</i>	1.5 m	Striking foliage.	Birds Bees	Erosion Shelter
P, D, W	Tarata; lemonwood	<i>Pittosporum eugenioides</i>	9 m	Excellent hedge. Tolerates a wide range of conditions. Attracts birds and bees.	Birds Bees	Erosion Shelter
C, P, D, W	Ralphs kohuhu	<i>Pittosporum ralphii</i>	4 m	Large shrub. Good shelter on dry, windy sites.	Birds Bees	Erosion Shelter
C, P, D, W, R	Kohuhu	<i>Pittosporum tenuifolium</i>	6 m	Small tree with dense foliage. Good for hedging and shelter. Tolerates a wide range of conditions. Excellent for revegetation.	Birds Bees	Erosion Shelter
P, W	Kohuhu Stephens Island	<i>Pittosporum Stephens Island</i>	2.5 m	Compact shrub. Excellent hedge.	Birds Bees	
C	Haekaro	<i>Pittosporum umbellatum</i>	5 m	Leathery dark green leaves; fragrant red flowers in spring. Excellent on coast.	Bees	
P, C	Saltmarsh ribbonwood	<i>Plagianthus divaricatus</i>	2 m	Densely interlaced shrub with reddish-brown bark and small leaves. Salt and wind resistant and tolerant of wet soils. Small sweetly scented flowers. Great hedge. Deciduous.		
P, W, R, Wet	Manatu; lowland ribbonwood	<i>Plagianthus regius</i>	9 m	Semi-deciduous tree. Wind resistant. Fast growing on dry exposed sites. Good as shelter.	Birds Bees	Erosion Shelter
D, W	Silver tussock	<i>Poa cita</i>	60 cm	Fast growing silver-green tussock grass with graceful habit. Great for mass plantings in exposed situations.		
D, W, Shade	Totara	<i>Podocarpus totara</i>	20 m	Hardy specimen or timber tree. Can be clipped as hedge. Frost tender when young. Will grow on a range of sites including very exposed.	Birds	

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P, R, Shade	Whauwhaupaku; five finger	<i>Pseudopanax arboreus</i>	6 m	Hardy small tree. Conspicuous purple-black fruit in late summer. Tolerates wind.	Birds Bees
D, Shade	Horoeka; lancewood	<i>Pseudopanax crassifolius</i>	12 m	Round headed tree with straight clean trunk when mature. Hardy and wind resistant. Long juvenile phase with long descending dark green leaves.	Birds Bees
D, Shade	Toothed lancewood	<i>Pseudopanax ferox</i>	5 m	Hardy small tree. Attractive specimen tree. Hardy in exposed sites.	Birds Bees
C, D, W, R	Small-leaved Kowhai	<i>Sophora microphylla</i>	7 m	Hardy tree. Flowers profusely in spring. Hardy to cold and wind.	Birds Bees Erosion
D, R	Kowhai	<i>Sophora tetraptera</i>	8 m	Semi-deciduous tree. Flowers profusely in spring. Prefers moister areas.	Birds Bees
P, D, W, R	Koromiko	<i>Veronica stricta; Hebe stricta</i>	2 m	Hardy quick growing shrub. A useful nurse species for revegetating large areas.	Birds Bees
	Kamaha	<i>Weinmannia racemosa</i>	15 m	Slow growing spreading tree. Can be kept clipped.	Bees

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