

## Planting guide for native birds, lizards, butterflies and moths using Porirua native species

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### Trees

| Coast tolerance<br>E - exposed<br>P – part shelter<br>S- sheltered | Māori/<br>common name     | Scientific name           | Plant info   | Link to photos on NZ Plant Conservation Network   |
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| E, P   | Akiraho/<br>golden akeake | <i>Olearia paniculata</i> | Grows to 6m<br>Good specimen tree but can be hedged<br>Interesting, grooved bark<br>Highly scented flowers in autumn         | <a href="https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/olearia-paniculata/">https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/olearia-paniculata/</a> |
| E, P   | Ngaio                     | <i>Myoporum laetum</i>    | Grows to 10m<br>Wide spreading umbrella form<br>Pink fruit<br>Poisonous leaves and sap                                       | <a href="https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/myoporum-laetum/">https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/myoporum-laetum/</a>       |
| E, P   | Taupata                   | <i>Coprosma repens</i>    | Grows to 8 metres<br>Can be hedged<br>Bright orange fruit eaten by kererū and other birds                                    | <a href="https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/coprosma-repens/">https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/coprosma-repens/</a>       |
| E, P   | Rawhiritoa/<br>Kānuka     | <i>Kunzea amathicola</i>  | Coastal species of kānuka<br>Up to 15m<br>Can flower anytime of the year<br>Beautifully sculptured by salt wind when exposed | <a href="https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/kunzea-amathicola/">https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/kunzea-amathicola/</a>   |
| P, S   | Kānuka                    | <i>Kunzea robusta</i>     | Can get to 30m but only if sheltered otherwise much shorter.   | <a href="https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/kunzea-robusta/">https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/kunzea-robusta/</a>         |

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|                |                           |                                   | Stringy bark when mature<br>Flowers in summer   |   |
| <b>E, P, S</b> | Cook Strait<br>māhoe      | <i>Melicytus<br/>orarius</i>      | Grows from 0.5m to 4m depending on exposure to the coast.<br>Very tough.<br>Flowers and fruits on the underside of branches.<br>Small fragrant flowers in late Spring - good for insects and lizards<br>Fruits in late summer/Autumn - good for lizards and birds | <a href="https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/melicytus-orarius/">https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/melicytus-orarius/</a>                                       |
| <b>E, P, S</b> | Kōwhai                    | <i>Sophora<br/>chathamica</i>     | Up to 20 in sheltered places, smaller in more exposed sites<br>Bright yellow flowers in early Spring<br>August/September<br>Favourite of tūi and korimako (bellbird) and kererū and butterflies.  | <a href="https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/sophora-chathamica/">https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/sophora-chathamica/</a>                                     |
| <b>E, P, S</b> | Mānuka/<br>Tea tree       | <i>Leptospermum<br/>scoparium</i> | Can get to 5m in sheltered sites but in very exposed sites grow to only 1 m.<br>Pink or white flowers in early summer and again in winter which are pollinated by insects.  | <a href="https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/leptospermum-scoparium-var-scoparium/">https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/leptospermum-scoparium-var-scoparium/</a> |
| <b>E, P, S</b> | Ti kōuka/<br>Cabbage tree | <i>Cordyline<br/>australis</i>    | Up to 20m<br>Fast growing<br>Highly scented flowers<br>Flowers in Spring, fruits in summer  | <a href="https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/cordyline-australis/">https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/cordyline-australis/</a>                                   |
| <b>P, S</b>    | Kaikōmako                 | <i>Pennantia<br/>corymbosa</i>    | Up to 8 m.<br>Fast growing<br>Highly scented flowers sought by korimako   | <a href="https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/pennantia-corymbosa/">https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/pennantia-corymbosa/</a>                                   |
| <b>P, S</b>    | Poroporo                  | <i>Solanum<br/>laciniatum</i>     | Up to 5m  | <a href="https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/solanum-laciniatum/">https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/solanum-laciniatum/</a>                                     |

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|             |                                      |                               | Dark green foliage which purple flowers. The fruit turns orange when ripe and is a good food source for many birds.   |   |
| <b>P, S</b> | Māhoe/<br>Whitey wood                | <i>Melicytus ramiflorus</i>   | Up to 15m<br>Abundant yellow-white flowers in spring-early summer pollinated by insects and lizards<br>Abundant purple fruit in autumn good food source for birds | <a href="https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/melicytus-ramiflorus/">https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/melicytus-ramiflorus/</a>     |
| <b>P, S</b> | Wharangi                             | <i>Melicope ternata</i>       | Up to 5 m<br>Fresh bright green foliage<br>Scented white flowers in Spring  | <a href="https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/melicope-ternata/">https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/melicope-ternata/</a>             |
| <b>P, S</b> | Maukoro/<br>Tainoka/<br>Common broom | <i>Carmichaelia australis</i> | Grows 2 to 8m<br>Flattened branches act as leaves but real leaves are sparse and tiny<br>Fragrant flowers in Spring – good for lizards and insects                | <a href="https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/carmichaelia-australis/">https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/carmichaelia-australis/</a> |
| <b>P, S</b> | Putaputawētā                         | <i>Carpodetus serratus</i>    | Grows to 10m<br>Marbled leaves<br>Scented white flowers pollinated by insects and lizards<br>Purple berries from late summer – good for birds                     | <a href="https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/carpodetus-serratus/">https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/carpodetus-serratus/</a>       |
| <b>P, S</b> | Houhere,<br>lacebark                 | <i>Hoheria sexstylosa</i> or  | Small tree found from Waikato to Wellington with highly scented white flowers. Butterflies congregate on the flowers.   | <a href="https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/hoheria-sexstylosa/">https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/hoheria-sexstylosa/</a>         |

## Palm

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| <b>P, S</b> | Nikau | <i>Rhopalostylis sapinda</i> | Grows to 15m<br>Flowers are highly fragrant November to March – good food source for insects and birds<br>Ripe fruit is bright red and a favourite with kererū April to July. | <a href="https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/rhopalostylis-sapinda/">https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/rhopalostylis-sapinda/</a> |
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## Shrubs

| <b>Coast tolerance</b><br><b>E - exposed</b><br><b>P – part shelter</b><br><b>S- sheltered</b> | <b>Māori/ common name</b> | <b>Scientific name</b>                           | <b>Plant info</b>  | <b>Link to photos on NZ Plant conservation Network</b>  |
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| <b>E, P, S</b>   | Mingimingi                | <i>Coprosma propinqua</i> var . <i>propinqua</i> | Can get to 6m in sheltered site but much lower in exposed areas.<br>Branches are tightly twisted in exposed areas<br>Very good habitat and food source for lizards<br>Small native bird species love the blue fruit in late summer/autumn    | <a href="https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/coprosma-propinqua-var-propinqua/">https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/coprosma-propinqua-var-propinqua/</a> |
| <b>E, P, S</b>   | Mingimingi                | <i>Coprosma propinqua</i> var <i>latiuscula</i>  | This is a slightly different form of <i>C. propinqua</i> var <i>propinqua</i> .<br>Depending on the exposure to salt wind, can grow from almost a flat pancake form to a large bushy shrub.<br>Very good habitat and food source for lizards | <a href="https://www.inaturalist.org/taxa/414192-Coprosma-propinqua-latiuscula">https://www.inaturalist.org/taxa/414192-Coprosma-propinqua-latiuscula</a>       |

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|                |                                      |                                | Small native bird species love the blue fruit in late summer/autumn.  |  |
| <b>E, P, S</b> | Twiggy coprosma/<br>Red currant bush | <i>Coprosma rhamnoides</i>     | Can get to 2 m in sheltered areas but usually around 0.5 m in very exposed sites<br>Very dense foliage in exposed sites<br>Red fruit in winter providing food for lizards and small birds   | <a href="https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/coprosma-rhamnoides/">https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/coprosma-rhamnoides/</a>  |
| <b>E, P, S</b> | Cook Strait kōwhai                   | <i>Sophora molloyi</i>         | Can grow to 3m in sheltered sites but much lower and more spreading in exposed sites.<br>Flowers in late winter<br>Loved by tūi and korimako<br>Can be stripped by the native kōwhai caterpillar but the plant is hardly ever killed by defoliation. Usually more affected during drought. (Please do not use insecticides) | <a href="https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/sophora-molloyi/">https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/sophora-molloyi/</a><br><br><a href="https://www.landcareresearch.co.nz/tools-and-resources/identification/what-is-this-bug/kowhai-moth-caterpillar/">https://www.landcareresearch.co.nz/tools-and-resources/identification/what-is-this-bug/kowhai-moth-caterpillar/</a>   |
| <b>E, P, S</b> | Tauhinu                              | <i>Ozothamnus leptophyllus</i> | Grows to 3m<br>Beautiful, sculptured bark<br>Produces huge numbers of highly scented flowers.<br>Supports the native Cassinia tephritid fly and other native insects and lizards.   | <a href="https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/ozothamnus-leptophyllus/">https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/ozothamnus-leptophyllus/</a><br><br><a href="https://nzacfactsheets.landcareresearch.co.nz/factsheet/InterestingInsects/Cassinia-tephritid-fly---Austrotephritis-cassinae.html">https://nzacfactsheets.landcareresearch.co.nz/factsheet/InterestingInsects/Cassinia-tephritid-fly---Austrotephritis-cassinae.html</a> |
| <b>E, P, S</b> | Thick-leaved māhoe                   | <i>Melicytus crassifolius</i>  | Grows up to 1.5 m wide spreading shrub<br>Flowers and fruits on the underside of branches.<br>Small highly fragrant flowers in Spring - good for insects and lizards<br>Fruits in mid to late Summer - good for lizards and birds   | <a href="https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/melicytus-crassifolius/">https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/melicytus-crassifolius/</a>  |

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| <b>E, P, S</b> | Koromiko<br>Hebe                | <i>Veronica</i><br>( <i>Hebe</i> ) <i>stricta</i><br>var. <i>stricta</i> | Grows between 0.5m to 2m<br>Flowers between July and October are sought after by insects.<br>Very tough<br>In a garden setting an annual light prune after flowering keeps it bushy  | <a href="https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/veronica-stricta-var-stricta/">https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/veronica-stricta-var-stricta/</a> |
| <b>E, P</b>    | Kōkōmuka/<br>Shore hebe         | <i>Veronica</i><br>( <i>Hebe</i> )<br><i>elliptica</i>                   | Grows to 1 m.<br>Very tough and salt tolerant<br>Large white flowers<br>Does not like sheltered sites  | <a href="https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/veronica-elliptica/">https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/veronica-elliptica/</a>                     |
| <b>E, P</b>    | Tātaraheke/<br>Sand<br>coprosma | <i>Coprosma</i><br><i>acerosa</i>  | Low sprawling shrub grows to 1 metre tall<br>New growth can come up from underground rhizomes so you either need plenty of room for it to spread or contain it by surrounding the garden bed with concrete.<br>Blue or white fruit are produced only on female plants in late summer | <a href="https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/coprosma-acerosa/">https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/coprosma-acerosa/</a>                         |
| <b>E, P, S</b> | Waiū atua/<br>Shore<br>spurge   | <i>Euphorbia</i><br><i>glauc</i>   | Up to 1m<br>Has attractive glaucous (blue-green) foliage.<br>New growth can come up from underground rhizomes so you either need plenty of room for it to spread or contain it by surrounding the garden bed with concrete.  | <a href="https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/euphorbia-glauc/">https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/euphorbia-glauc/</a>                           |
| <b>E, P, S</b> | Coastal tree<br>daisy           | <i>Olearia</i><br><i>solandri</i>  | Grows to 3m but smaller in exposed sites<br>Yellow-green foliage<br>Trims well - hedge<br>Heavily scented flowers in summer – good for lizards and insects   | <a href="https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/olearia-solandri/">https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/olearia-solandri/</a>                         |

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| <b>E, P, S</b> | Shrubby<br>tororaro/<br>Wiggywig  | <i>Muehlenbeckia<br/>a astonii</i>                         | Grows to 4m tall and can spread as wide<br>Deciduous over winter<br>Sparkles in the rain<br>Great hedging plant<br>Tiny highly scented flowers in summer – good<br>for insects and lizards<br>Tiny fruit in Autumn – good for lizards and<br>small birds   | <a href="https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/muehlenbeckia-astonii/">https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/muehlenbeckia-astonii/</a>                         |
| <b>E, P</b>    | Taramea/<br>Kurikuri/<br>Spaniard | <i>Aciphylla<br/>squarrosa</i><br>var.<br><i>squarrosa</i> | Grows to 1 metre tall but its flowering spike<br>can be another 0.5m tall<br>Very spikey so difficult to weed under and<br>around. Can use a garden fork to hold leaves<br>back while weeding.<br>Striking blue/grey/green spikey leaves.<br>Highly scented flowers on female plants<br>pollinated by insects and lizards. | <a href="https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/aciphylla-squarrosa-var-squarrosa/">https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/aciphylla-squarrosa-var-squarrosa/</a> |
| <b>E, P, S</b> | Rauhuia/<br>NZ linen flax         | <i>Linum<br/>monogynum</i><br>var.<br><i>monogynum</i>     | Grows to 0.5m<br>Rauhuia is a woody subshrub which has a<br>short life span of a few years but self-seeds<br>very freely.<br>It has large white flowers.<br>Although it looks delicate, it is a very tough<br>plant.<br>Pollinated by insects.   | <a href="https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/linum-monogynum-var-monogynum/">https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/linum-monogynum-var-monogynum/</a>         |

## Climbers

| Coast tolerance<br>E - exposed<br>P – part shelter<br>S- sheltered | Māori/<br>common name           | Scientific name               | Plant info<br>(All climbers like their roots in cool places but foliage in full sun)   | Link to photos on NZ Plant Conservation Network   |
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| E, P, S  | Puawānanga/<br>Coastal clematis | <i>Clematis forsteri</i>      | White starry flowers in Spring – good for insects and lizards<br>Fluffy wind dispersed seed on female plants in summer         | <a href="https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/clematis-forsteri/">https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/clematis-forsteri/</a>                                     |
| P, S   | Kōhia/<br>NZ passionfruit       | <i>Passiflora tetrandra</i>   | Flowers in late Spring-early Summer<br>Bright orange fruit on female plants in summer – good bird food source                  | <a href="https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/passiflora-tetrandra/">https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/passiflora-tetrandra/</a>                               |
| P, S   | Kaiwhiria/<br>NZ jasmine        | <i>Parsonsia capsularis</i>   | Highly fragrant flowers in Spring - good for insects and lizards.<br>Long brown pods with fluffy wind dispersed seed in Autumn | <a href="https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/parsonsia-capsularis-var-capsularis/">https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/parsonsia-capsularis-var-capsularis/</a> |
| P, S   | Akakiore/<br>NZ jasmine         | <i>Parsonsia heterophylla</i> | Highly fragrant flowers in early summer - good for insects and lizards.  | <a href="https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/parsonsia-heterophylla/">https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/parsonsia-heterophylla/</a>                           |
| E,P, S   | Akatea                          | <i>Metrosideros perforata</i> | Woody climber. Needs plenty of light.<br>Has white or sometime pink highly nectarivorous flowers.                              | <a href="https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/metrosideros-perforata/">https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/metrosideros-perforata/</a>                           |



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| <b>E, P, S</b> | Climbing rātā | <i>Metrosideros fulgens</i> | Needs a cool root run but will climb up trees or fences.<br>Has a long flowering period of highly nectarivorous red or orange flowers. | <a href="https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/metrosideros-fulgens/">https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/metrosideros-fulgens/</a> |
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### Flax/grasses/sedges

| <b>Coast tolerance<br/>E - exposed<br/>P – part shelter<br/>S- sheltered</b> | <b>Māori/<br/>common<br/>name</b> | <b>Scientific<br/>name</b>                            | <b>Plant info</b>  | <b>Link to photos on NZ Plant<br/>Conservation Network</b>  |
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| <b>E, P, S</b>   | Wharariki/<br>Coastal flax        | <i>Phormium cookianum</i><br>subsp.<br><i>hookeri</i> | Grows to 2m tall<br>Tough coastal flax.<br>Continually grows new fans on its sides so continues to spread.<br>Droopy leaves.<br>Highly fragrant yellow flowers in September/October – a favourite for tūi and korimako<br>Long twisted seed pods in early summer | <a href="https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/phormium-cookianum-subsp-hookeri/">https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/phormium-cookianum-subsp-hookeri/</a> |
| <b>E, P, S</b>   | Harakeke/<br>Swamp flax           | <i>Phormium tenax</i>                                 | Can grows up to 5m in sheltered fertile soil.<br>Less tall in more exposed sites.<br>Grows in wetlands, on river margins and in dune swales (low lying areas behind the front dune).<br>Continually grows new fans on its sides so continues to spread.          | <a href="https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/phormium-tenax/">https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/phormium-tenax/</a>                                     |

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|                |                          |                            | Erect leaves for two thirds of their length but can be droopy in the top third of the leaf.<br>Highly fragrant red flowers in October<br>November– a favourite for tūi and korimako<br>Erect seed pods in December to March. |   |
| <b>E, P, S</b> | Toetoe/<br>Cliff toetoe  | <i>Austroderia fulvida</i> | Leaves grow to 3 m<br>Grows on coastal hillsides or stream margins<br>Flowers September to November<br>Fruit November to March   | <a href="https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/austroderia-fulvida/">https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/austroderia-fulvida/</a> |
| <b>E, P, S</b> | Toetoe/<br>Swamp toetoe  | <i>Austroderia toetoe</i>  | Leaves grow to 3 m<br>Grows in wetlands or stream margins<br>Flowers November to February<br>Fruits January to April   | <a href="https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/austroderia-toetoe/">https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/austroderia-toetoe/</a>   |
| <b>E, P, S</b> | Wi/<br>Silver tussock    | <i>Poa cita</i>            | Grows to 0.5m<br>Hardy<br>Clumpy tussock<br>Looks good mass planted  | <a href="https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/poa-cita/">https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/poa-cita/</a>                       |
| <b>E, P, S</b> | Orange sedge             | <i>Carex</i><br>“Raotest”  | Undescribed sedge which grows to 0.40m.<br>Hardy<br>Looks good mass planted<br>In the open it is an orange colour, under shelter it is green.  | No link as this is an undescribed species but is a local species  |
| <b>E, P, S</b> | Wiwi/<br>Knobby clubrush | <i>Ficinia nodosa</i>      | Grows to 1.2m<br>Very hardy in any soil<br>Green but can be orange tinged<br>Spreads easily by seed  | <a href="https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/ficinia-nodosa/">https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/ficinia-nodosa/</a>           |

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| <b>E, P, S</b> | Oioi/<br>Jointed wire<br>rush | <i>Apodasmia<br/>similis</i>  | Grows to 1.5m<br>Erect, grey-green or red-green leaves<br>Flowers in November- December<br>Fruits January to March<br>Looks good mass planted<br>New growth from underground rhizomes so<br>you either need plenty of room for it to spread<br>or contain it by surrounding the garden bed<br>with concrete. | <a href="https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/apodasmia-similis/">https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/apodasmia-similis/</a>   |
| <b>S</b>       | Tupare<br>Maunga/<br>Gahnia   | <i>Gahnia<br/>xanthocarpa</i> | Grows to 3m<br>Likes moist or wet sites<br>Like shade or semi-shade<br>Flowers in summer<br>Black shiny seed   | <a href="https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/gahnia-xanthocarpa/">https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/gahnia-xanthocarpa/</a> |

### Groundcovers

| <b>Coast<br/>tolerance<br/>E - exposed<br/>P – part<br/>shelter<br/>S- sheltered</b> | <b>Māori/<br/>common<br/>name</b> | <b>Scientific<br/>name</b>                             | <b>Plant info</b>  | <b>Link to photos on NZ Plant<br/>Conservation Network</b>  |
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| <b>E, P, S</b>   | Horokaka/ NZ<br>ice plant         | <i>Disphyma<br/>australe</i> subsp.<br><i>australe</i> | Hardy trailing succulent herb<br>Leaves are either green or red-green<br>Can root at every leaf node<br>Flowers pink or pinky white<br>Nectarivorous and pollinated by insects | <a href="https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/disphyma-australe-subsp-australe/">https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/disphyma-australe-subsp-australe/</a> |

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| <b>E, P, S</b> | Pōhuehue/<br>Wire vine                   | <i>Muehlenbeckia complexa</i> var. <i>complexa</i> | Rampant groundcover which sprawls or will climb given the opportunity<br>Looks good in a mass planting<br>Tiny highly scented flowers in summer – good for insects and lizards<br>Tiny fruit in Autumn – good for lizards and small birds | <a href="https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/muehlenbeckia-complexa-var-complexa/">https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/muehlenbeckia-complexa-var-complexa/</a> |
| <b>E, P, S</b> | Pinātoro/<br>NZ daphne                   | <i>Pimelea prostrata</i>                           | Very low growing sprawling plant<br>Blue-green foliage<br>Highly fragrant flowers in September-October<br>Important nectar source for lizards and insects<br>White fruit in November-December<br>important food for lizards               | <a href="https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/pimelea-prostrata-subsp-prostrata/">https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/pimelea-prostrata-subsp-prostrata/</a>     |
| <b>E, P, S</b> | Remuremu/<br>Half star/<br>Bonking grass | <i>Selliera radicans</i>                           | Succulent creeping herb<br>Can root at every node<br>Prefers damp areas with full sun<br>Large white flowers<br>Pollinated by insects   | <a href="https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/selliera-radicans/">https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/selliera-radicans/</a>                                     |
| <b>E, P, S</b> | Kōkihi/<br>Beach spinach                 | <i>Tetragonia trigyna</i>                          | Scrambling stems up to 4 m long<br>Tiny starry yellow flowers in summer<br>Bright pink fruit<br>Self-seeds prolifically   | <a href="https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/tetragonia-trigyna/">https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/tetragonia-trigyna/</a>                                   |
| <b>E, P, S</b> | Mercury Bay weed/<br>Kidney weed         | <i>Dichondra repens</i>                            | Creeping groundcover<br>Very hardy, full sun.<br>Makes a great lawn substitute<br>Tiny white flowers in spring<br>Fruits in summer  | <a href="https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/dichondra-repens/">https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/dichondra-repens/</a>                                       |
| <b>P, S</b>    | Pānakenake/<br>Pratia                    | <i>Lobelia</i> (Pratia) <i>angulata</i>            | Creeping groundcover<br>Full sun or semi shade<br>Prefers moist sites but hardy   | <a href="https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/lobelia-angulata/">https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/lobelia-angulata/</a>                                       |

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|                |                |                        | White half-star flowers in spring and summer<br>Bright pink fruit in late summer-autumn  |   |
| <b>E, P, S</b> | Button daisies | <i>Leptinella</i> spp. | There are many species of button daisy, some are available to buy. They are highly scented, therefore nectivorous and also provide dense habitat for caterpillars and other invertebrates, once established. | <a href="https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/?scientific_name=Leptinella">https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/?scientific_name=Leptinella</a> |