

# STREET TREES IDEALLY SUITED TO AUCKLAND ENVIRONS

Street trees have tougher lives than their wilder sisters living in natural situations. Successful development into elegant maturity requires that street species have a strong upright growth habit on a single leader. Their trunks should be clear to a metre and they need to withstand wind and drought.

Native trees make excellent street trees because most reach maturity at 6-9m height so power-line interference problems and root proliferation on roads, berms, and footpaths don't occur as they do with fast-growing exotics with 10m+ heights.

Today arborists, landscape designers, and architects like to choose natives as street trees, but they tend to choose from a range of 8-12 species. Hence a problem is developing in a lack of variety in native plantings around Auckland. Specifying different trees would provide more interesting plantings that reflect the extraordinary breadth of natives available, as well as creating gracious environments and trademark points of difference.

**Takana native trees has identified 51 species suitable for Auckland environments. Below are just five generally ignored in specifications, but ask and we'll give you the entire list.**

Maximum heights noted assume 30 years in street conditions if planted at 2.5m from 45L bags. Nursery cultivated juvenile stage trees on single leaders are always 'upright'.



## Houpara

(*Pseudopanax lessonii*)

6m

Includes Sabre and Cyril Watson selections. Wonderful for coastal situations with poor soils, salt winds, and drought. Easy to trim and shape.



## Pukatea

(*Laurelia novae-zealandiae*)

10m

Upright, wetland-tolerant, and generally hardy. Carries lush mid-green foliage. Pukatea has hitherto been neglected as an option.



## Oro Oro

(*Nestegis montana*)

15m

Upright forest specimen. Fast to 4m@10years, maximum of 15m. Sea level to alpine, from Nelson North. Hardy.



## Manatu

(*Plagianthus regius*)

10m

Fast growing. Upright habit, with strong single leader, and attractive small mid-green foliage.



## Coastal Maire

(*Nestegis apetala*)

6m

Generally ignored. Hardy, red berries and tough long-leaved glossy foliage. Well suited to northern and coastal conditions.

You can't do better than visit us to see the varieties available for yourself. Sniff the leaves and the flowers, handle the foliage...and ask questions. We're about filling in the gaps and can make expert recommendations for specific planting situations. Guaranteed to grow, all our native trees are at BIG-tree stage. Find us at takana natives, 102 Omaha Flats Road, Matakana, or call us on **0800 TAKANA**. or email: [don@takana.co.nz](mailto:don@takana.co.nz)