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‘DIFFERENT’ TREES takana KEEPS IN FULL SUPPLY

Less well-known species are a favourite topic which we return to often to encourage diversity. Designers can be afraid to specify ‘different’ trees for projects because they’re concerned about the capacity for supply by the time the trees are needed.

We keep a consistent plentiful supply of many less-recognised native trees, but here are five (5) of our favourites, always kept in large surplus.



Maire Tawhake (Swamp Maire) (Syzygium maire)

– A lovely upright tree, with varying maroon and green hues, with bright red berries. This species is not confined to swamps, but does need more water than some species. (Unlikely to grow more than 5m in street situations)



Coastal Maire (Nestegis apetala)

– A great hardy northern coastal tree, with attractive foliage and small red berries. New growth shows as a different colour. Like Pohutukawa, it’s used to poor soil, drought, and wind. (5m)



Ewekuri (Streblus banksii)

– Gorgeous small-leaved tree with striking grey bark and willowy lateral or drooping foliage. Produces small yellow berries. (4m)



Oro Oro (Nestegis montana)

– Despite the Latin name, Oro oro is also endemic at coastal levels. It has bushy foliage formed by long fine leaves, pale grey bark, and produces small red berries. A hardy tree with strong growth, Oro oro makes an elegant addition to the street tree range. (6m)



Rata (Metrosideros robusta)

– Similar to Pohutukawa though with smaller foliage, and later blossoming. Rata has strong but much slower growth than Pohutukawa. (Eventually 10m)

Doing something different in native tree plantings makes for signature projects which add diversity for birds and people alike. Something different, doesn’t mean something outrageous. It’s an opportunity to make an environment pleasingly individual.



We have over 140 varieties of native trees at takana, many of them grown in extraordinary numbers with an eye towards larger developments and projects. Talk to us, or better still, come in and have a look for yourself. We’re always happy to offer our expertise. Just ask.