



TAKANA
NATIVE TREES

newsletter



COASTAL TREES

Let's talk Coastal

When you're looking for the immediate BIG-TREE effect which offers instant gratification, and elegant beauty, consider these varieties ideal for coastal regions. If you start with small shrubs, it can be 20 years before the effect you envisioned materialises, but with over 14,000 trees in stock, already grown for you to BIG-TREE stage, takana natives can supply an instant 5-10 year old environment, with all the advantages of shade, shelter, and native beauty.



Coastal Maire (*Nestegis apetala*)

Coastal Maire is an elegant spreading northern coastal tree which grows to 4 metres within 10 years, to a maximum of 10 metres. It grows well in the Hauraki Gulf and from Whangarei North. With attractive dark green leathery foliage, this dioecious (male and female are separate trees) tree produces 9mm long red berry fruit which is a drupe (stone fruit). Coastal Maire is hardy, and enjoys similar conditions to Pohutukawa. Although not a well-known tree, it is a very useful, attractive addition for many situations.



Pohutukawa Maori Princess (*Metrosideros excelsa*)

Liven up an area with gorgeous Pohutukawa Maori Princess. It is an upright form, though not as tall as the more common excelsa, and is extremely popular for its profuse brightly coloured flowers. This lovely native will grow to 5 metres in height within 10yrs, to a maximum of 10 metres. A true coastal native, it's hardy, tolerates wind, dry spells, and poor soil, but for the first 2 years needs to be protected from frost. (takana native grown trees are already large enough to withstand it.) Produces consistent, rich crimson flowers in December.



Nikau Chatham Is (*Rhopalostylis sapida chathamica*)

The tropical, distinctive, and truly elegant Nikau is New Zealand's classic native palm. The world's most southern palm, it produces steady growth to 4 metres height within 10yrs, to a maximum of 15m. This Chatham Island variety (from Pitt Island) grows faster, has a thicker trunk, and is more salt and wind-tolerant. They are hardy on sandy coastal regions, but prefer better soils, and some shade and shelter. Frost tender when young, but our trees are BIG-TREE stage and well past frost damage.



Tawapou (*Planchonella costata*)

Tawapou is an upright specimen tree with shapely form and attractive, leathery, shiny foliage. It grows slowly to 4 metres within 10yrs, to a maximum height of 15metres. The white-coloured wood is good quality, hard and durable. Kereru and Kaka are both attracted to Tawapou by its spectacular large orange, then purple berries, which are 2.5 to 4cm long, changing colour as they ripen. Maori used the hard curved seeds to make necklaces. This tree is hardy, prefers good soil and does best from Gisborne, north.



Ewekuri (*Streblus banksii*)

Ewekuri is a beautiful native coastal/forest upright tree with steady growth reaching 3 metres within 10 years, to a maximum of 12m. With an attractive light green, small leaf, this Milk tree family variety yields yellow flowers, then red berries. Ewekuri is hardy and grows well from Nelson, north. A good street tree, it is dioecious, and also forms excellent hedges. It's reasonably uncommon, so a good choice to make an elegant statement.

These are just a few of the New Zealand coastal native trees takana natives can supply ready grown to BIG-TREE stage. We offer 140 varieties of native tree to suit all sorts of applications, but knowing a little bit about some of our coastal varieties provides a platform from which to consider a broader range of coastal natives.

Call us, or come out and visit. Information is free and we're happy to help you learn about New Zealand native trees. It's just that we're mad about them. See Don at 102 Omaha Flats Road, Matakana, where you can view the entire range, or call us on **0800 TAKANA**. or email: don@takana.co.nz

