



STREET TREES AS STATEMENTS

Lesser known street trees provide a unique look for projects where the usual choices would be overdone. We've outlined a few which are eminently suited to your local climate and environment. They build elegance into new subdivisions, and refresh old ones, and they make savvy statements for the growing awareness of using natives. They really work in our landscape.



Ewekuri (*Streblus banksii*)

Ewekuri is a distinctive, particularly handsome tree which is relatively uncommon in planted landscapes, so makes a stand-out street tree. With lighter green, small leaves it has a spreading, shade-delivering, canopy which blossoms yellow from August to October. Ewekuri is a coastal/forest upright, attaining a height of 3 metres within 10 years, to a maximum of 12m. Dioecious.



Hungere (*Hoheria angustifolia*)

Hungere, also known as narrow-leaved Lacebark, is a slender, upright forest specimen producing growth to 5 metres within 10 years to a maximum of 10m. A hardy tree which does well in riparian situations, Hungere produces prolific white flowers from January to March. A stunning street addition, in full bloom it becomes almost completely covered with attractive flowers.



Maire Tawake (*Syzygium maire*)

Flowering profusely from March to July, Maire tawake is an upright specimen tree with an attractive conical form and khaki foliage. It attains height to 3 metres within 10 years, to a maximum of 15m. It doesn't mind wet feet, so does well in damp or riparian situations. Scarce in planted landscapes, this elegant tree with its white myrtle-like flowers which give way to bright red berries, will flow with the breeze.



Matipo (*Myrsine australis*)

Easily recognisable when young by its red branchlets, this slender upright specimen has short erect branches which create a compact crown. Growing to 3 metres within 10 years, to a maximum of 6m, Matipo is hardy, with attractive foliage and tiny cream flowers ripening to black berries which attract Kereru, Tui, Silvereye, Bellbird, and Blackbird. Dioecious, and doing well in riparian plantings, Matipo looks similar to Pittasporum, but lives longer.



Oro Oro (*Nestegis montana*)

Oro oro (Narrow-leaved maire) is a round-headed evergreen tree with narrow, glossy bright-green leaves. This upright forest specimen achieves a height of 4 metres within 10 years, up to a maximum of 15m. Flowering inconspicuously from November to January, Oro oro produces red berries from December to March, attracting fruit-eating birds. It prefers more sheltered conditions, and is dioecious. Oro oro is rare in planted situations, and makes a lush, statement street tree.



Tawapou (*Planchonella costata*)

Tawapou is a strong upright specimen tree with attractive shiny green, leather-like foliage. Growing to a height of 4 metres within 10 years, to a maximum 15m, Tawapou produces spectacular large orange, then purple, berries from April to June, bringing in Kaka and Kereru. Preferring good soil, the shapely, hardy, Tawapou makes a much-admired street tree.



Tawhero (*Weinmannia silvicola*)

An erect evergreen forest specimen tree, Tawhero (also known as Towai) grows to 4 metres height within 10 years, to a maximum of 15m. Preferring a well-drained, cool root run, it tolerates most soils, as well as shade, and also grows well in the open. A broad-leafed tree, it comes fully into flower from September to December with striking long pink/white flower racemes, greatly enhancing its environment.

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