

# STREET TREES FOR CANTERBURY



In working with Canterbury landscapers and developers we've noticed an almost exclusive preference in native street trees for Totara (*Podocarpus totara*), Kowhai (*Sophora tetraptera*), Manatu (*Plagianthus regius*), Hungere (*Hoheria augustifolia*), Ti Kouka (*Cordyline australis*), Horoeka, and Ferox (*Pseudopanax* spp, *P crassifolium*, *P lessonii*, *P ferox*). All of these make great street trees, no doubt about it, but they do also limit the variety of streetscapes over time. That seems a pity when so many other striking native species could be chosen from to add variety to streetscapes, and allow individual landscapers the opportunity to create statement environments.

**Below are some excellent options for your consideration, all very suited to Canterbury conditions.**



## Chatham Is. Ake Ake

(*Olearia traversiorum*)

An upright olive-like very hardy *Olearia* species with yellow flowers from Chathams Islands.



## Kahikatea (*Dacrycarpus dacrydoides*)

Classic upright species with red berries which tolerates dry but likes damp conditions.



## Kanuka (*Kunzea ericoides*)

An elegant, hardy tree with weeping foliage and profuse small white flowers.



## Kauri (*Agathis australis*)

Tall upright and elegant classic NZ native and surprisingly hardy once it has achieved 2m height.



## Nikau (Pitt Island selection)

(*Rhopalostylis sapida chathamica*)

A hardy NZ classic native which eloquently expresses NZ. Pitt Is. Are hardier than mainland selections.



## Pohutukawa (Maori Princess selection)

(*Metrosederos excelsa*)

An upright, but less vigorous Pohutukawa with brilliant red flowers.



## Porokaiwhiri (*Hedycarya arborea*)

An upright bushy tree with sturdy canopy and golden fruit.



## Putaputaweta (*Carpodetus serratus*)

A hardy, upright tree with lateral branches, dappled foliage, and black berries.

**Another group worthy of consideration include more spreading and bushy varieties than those usually selected as street trees.**



## Akapuka (*Griselinia lucida*)

A hardy spreading variety with glossy foliage.



## Akiraho (*Olearia paniculata*)

An upright *Olearia* with attractive yellow-green foliage.



## Karaka (*Corynocarpus laevigatus*)

Erect leafy tree with glossy foliage, orange berries and spreading canopy - tolerates range of moisture levels,



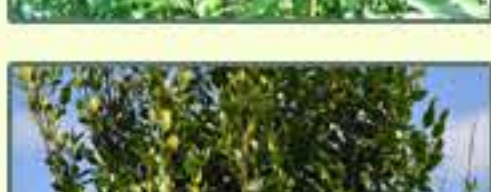
## Matipo (*Myrsine australis*)

An elegant, hardy coloniser species with small black berries attractive to birds. but not full, open wind.



## Mahoe (*Meliccytus ramiflorus*)

A bushy coloniser species with spreading branches, full canopy and fragrant flowers.



## Papauma (*Griselinia littoralis*)

An upright, hardy, tree with glossy foliage and small berries – wind and frost tolerant.



## Tanekaha (*Phyllocladus trichomanoides*)

A classic upright conifer with unique, light green serrated foliage.



## Titoki (*Alectryon excelsus*)

An upright medium size tree popular in the North Island for its foliage, red berries, and full rounded form.



## Turepo (*Streblus heterophyllus*)

A small hardy tree which bushes densely into a spreading canopy, yellow berries.



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