

Alter-Natives Wholesale Nursery

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INFO SHEET – Plant Books Worth Reading

To learn more about New Zealand native plants, there are lots of books worth reading. You will find such things as how European pioneers used them, how to grow them and the animals which feed on them and about their Maori cultural significance, including medicinal uses. Many native trees have Maori myths attached to them.

We recommend Touchwood Books online book shop. www.touchwoodbooks.co.nz

This list of books are ones that I have read and found of use:
You are welcome to have a read of these books while visiting our nursery.

The Native Trees of New Zealand; by J T Salmon. (Printed by Reed).

New Zealand Flowers and Plants in Colour; by J T Salmon. (Printed by Reed).

New Zealand Native Rock Garden and Alpine Plants; by Lawrie Metcalf. (Printed by Godwit).

The Propagation of New Zealand Native Plants; by Lawrie Metcalf. (Printed by Godwit).

The Cultivation of New Zealand Native Grasses; by Lawrie Metcalf. (Printed by Godwit).

Which Native Plant can I Grow Here? by Andrew Crowe. (Printed by Penguin).

Which Coastal Plant? by Andrew Crowe. (Printed by Viking).

A Field Guide to the Native Edible Plants of New Zealand. By Andrew Crowe (Printed by Penguin 2004)

Going Native. Making use of New Zealand Plants; edited by Ian Spellerberg and David Given. (Printed by Canterbury University Press).

The Gardener's Encyclopaedia of New Zealand Native Plants. By Yvonne Cave & Valda Paddison. (Printed by Godwit 2007)

Meanings and Origins of Botanical Names of New Zealand Plants. By Marie Taylor (Printed by Auckland botanical society 2002)

Hebes, A Guide to Species, Hybrids, and Allied Genera. By Lawrie Metcalf (Printed by Timber Press 2006)

Managing Pests and Diseases. By Rob Lucas (Printed by Craig Potton Publishing 2005)

Pohutukawa – Ecology, Establishment, Growth and Management. By David Bergin and Gordon Hosking (Printed by Ensis and Project Crimson Trust, 2006)

Pingao on Coastal Sand Dunes. By D.O.Bergin and J.W.Herbert (Printed by NZ Forest Research Institute 1998)

Totara – Establishment, Growth and Management. By David Bergin (Printed by NZ Forest Research Institute, 2003)

Forestry Rights in New Zealand (3rd edition). By Matt Hanna (Printed by Matt Hanna 1997)

Spinifex on Coastal Sand Dunes. By David Bergin. (Printed by NZ Forest Research Institute 1999)

Sand Tussock on Coastal Sand Dunes. By David Bergin. (Printed by NZ Forest Research Institute 2000)

A few old books possibly not in print anymore:

Medicines of the Maori; by Christina Macdonald. (Printed by Collins, 1973).

New Zealand Trees. A Popular Guide to Identification of the Principal Species; by J W Matthews. (Printed by Reed, 1951).

The Flora of New Zealand. Third Edition. By W. Martin B.Sc. (Printed by Whitcombe & Tombs Ltd, undated but date-stamped in a library as 1949)