



SOUTHERN WOODS PLANT NURSERY



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Info 1: ATTRACTING TUI TO YOUR GARDEN

Not only have New Zealand's Tui been described as one of the seven best songsters in the world, they are key pollinators for many native plants and important seed dispersers for native trees such as kowhai. Sadly, Tui disappeared from Banks Peninsula about 20 years ago due to a variety of reasons including habitat loss, introduced predators and possibly disease. The last birds to be seen in any number were around Akaroa. Only one or two birds have been reported since then.

The Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust, in partnership with local hapu is working to restore the tui to Banks Peninsula. The plan has support from the Department of Conservation, Lincoln University, and the Christchurch City Council.

To flourish, tui need trees, flowers, and insects. Tui are keen nectar feeders. This food is more than 70% of their diet at peak time of the year. Fruits and insects are also important. Ecologist Hugh Wilson, of Hinewai, has confirmed there is now enough year-round food available on Banks Peninsula for tui. This guide for planting can help you attract tui to your own property.

What you can do to help:

- Provide good habitat – regeneration mixed hardwood forest, protected from grazing animals, offers good nesting territories nectar and fruit sources and insect prey.
- Gardens may help significantly with tui tucker, as tui are known to travel a long way to good nectar sources at the right time of year.
- Use locally sourced native plants – great not only for tui but for restoration.
- Remove predators and grazers – priorities for removal are:
 - goats, deer, cattle, sheep and pigs
 - ship rats and possums
 - cats and stoats
- Report tui sightings to the BPCT coordinator or enter into the NZ Biodiversity Recording System (www.nzbrn.org.nz).

Tui Top Seven Plants

Kowhai, Mountain flax, Cabbage tree, Mountain fivefinger, NZ Ngaio, Tree fuschia

More information

Pest Control www.sanctuariesnz.org/pest management/pest species
Planting www.southernwoods.co.nz
Protecting and Restoring our Natural Heritage www.doc.govt.nz
Research www.landcareresearch.co.nz/publications/newsletters/tui/
Education www.tuitime.org.nz/about

Banks Peninsula Native Nectar plants		Height	Growth Rate	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
Climbing fuchsia	<i>Fuchsia perscandens</i>													
Fierce lancewood	<i>Pseudopanax ferox</i>	6m tree	Med											
Fivefinger/whauwhaupaku	<i>Pseudopanax arboreus</i>	8m tree	Fast											
Harakeki/NZ Flax	<i>Phormium tenax</i>	2.5m grass	Med											
Kohuhu/Black matipo	<i>Pittosporum tenuifolium</i>	10m tree	Med											
Lancewood/Horoeka	<i>Pseudopanax crassifolius</i>	12m tree	Med											
Lemonwood/Tarata	<i>Pittosporum eugenoides</i>	12m tree	Med											
Mountain fivefinger	<i>Pseudopanax colensoi</i>	5m tree	Med											
Mountain flax/Wharariki	<i>Phormium cookianum</i>	1m grass	Med											
Pate/Sevenfinger	<i>Schefflera digitata</i>	6m tree	Fast											
Rohutu	<i>Lophomyrtus obcordata</i>	5m tree	Med											
Tree fuchsia/Kotokutuku	<i>Fuchsia excorticata</i>	12m tree	Fast											
Weeping BP kowhai	<i>Sophora microphylla</i>	10m tree	Med											
White climbing rata/Akatea	<i>Metrosideros diffusa</i>													
Banks Peninsula Native fruit Plants														
Broadleaf	<i>Griselinia littoralis</i>	15m tree	Med											
Cabbage Tree	<i>Cordyline australis</i>	15m tree	Fast											
Fivefinger/Whauwhaupaku	<i>Pseudopanax arboreus</i>	8m tree	Fast											
Green coprosma	<i>Coprosma virescens</i>	3m shrub	Fast											
Horopito/Pepperwood	<i>Pseudowintera colorata</i>	10m tree	Slow											
Kahikatea	<i>Dacrycarpus dacrydioides</i>	40m tree	Med											
Kaikomako	<i>Pennantia corymbosa</i>	12m tree	Slow											
Karamu	<i>Coprosma robusta</i>	5m tree	Fast											
Lowland totara	<i>Podocarpus totara</i>	30m tree	Med											
Mahoe/Whiteywood	<i>Meliccytus ramiflorus</i>	10m tree	Med											
Marbleleaf/Putuputaweta	<i>Carpodetus serratus</i>	10m tree	Med											
Mikimiki	<i>Coprosma propinqua</i>	5m shrub	Med											
Mikimiki	<i>Coprosma rubra</i>	3m shrub	Med											
Mikimiki	<i>Coprosma wallii</i>	2m shrub	Med											
Mountain fivefinger/Orihou	<i>Pseudopanax colensoi</i>	5m tree	Med											
Mountain totara	<i>Podocarpus hallii</i>	20m tree	Med											
New Zealand ngaio	<i>Myoporum laetum</i>	8m tree	Fast											
NZ passionfruit/Kohia	<i>Passiflora tetrandra</i>	20m vine	Fast											
Pate/Sevenfinger	<i>Schefflera digitata</i>	6m tree	Fast											
Pokaka	<i>Elaeocarpus hookerianus</i>	15m tree	Med											
Puka/Shining broadleaf	<i>Griselinia lucida</i>	8m tree	Fast											
Red matipo/Mapou	<i>Myrsine australis</i>	7m tree	Med											
Rigid mikimiki	<i>Coprosma rigida</i>	4m shrub	Med											
Rohutu/Native myrtle	<i>Lophomyrtus obcordata</i>	5m tree	Med											
Round-leaved coprosma	<i>Coprosma rotundifolia</i>	4m tree	Med											
Shining karamu	<i>Coprosma lucida</i>	5m tree	Med											
Thick-leaved coprosma	<i>Coprosma crassifolia</i>	4m shrub	Med											
Thin-leaved coprosma	<i>Coprosma areolata</i>	4m tree	Med											
Titoki/NZ oak	<i>Alectryon excelsus</i>	17m tree	Med											
Tree fuchsia/Kotokutuku	<i>Fuchsia excorticata</i>	12m tree	Fast											
Wineberry/Makomako	<i>Aristotelia serrata</i>	8m tree	Fast											
Wirenetting bush/Korokio	<i>Corokia cotoneaster</i>	2m shrub	Med											
Non-Native Nectar Plants														
Bottlebrush	<i>Callistemon spp</i>	5m shrub	Med											
Camellia*	<i>Camellia spp</i>	5m shrub	Med											
Feijoa	<i>Feijoa sellowiana</i>	4m tree	Med											
Garden fuchsia	<i>Fuchsia magellanica</i>	3m shrub	Med											
Pincushion bush	<i>Leucospermum spp</i>	2m shrub	Med											
Pohutukawa**	<i>Metrosideros excelsa</i>	15m tree	Med											
Protea	<i>Protea spp</i>	2.5m shrub	Med											
Red-flowering yellow gum	<i>Eucalyptus leucoxydon</i>	30m tree	Med											
Red-flowering gum	<i>Eucalyptus ficifolia</i>	10m tree	Fast											
Red hot poker***	<i>Kniphofia uvaria</i>	1.2m clump	Med											
Silk tree	<i>Albizia julibrissin</i>	10m tree	Fast											
Silky oak	<i>Grevillea robusta</i>	20m tree	Fast											
Spider flower	<i>Grevillea spp</i>	2m shrub	Fast											
Tree Lucerne/Tagasaste	<i>Chamaecytisus palmensis</i>	10m tree	Fast											
Waratah	<i>Telopea spp</i>	4m shrub	Med											

Some nectar/fruit

Main season nectar/fruit

Main season but not every year

*Appeal to Tui may vary by variety, with early-blooming varieties best.

** NZ native, but not native to Banks Peninsula

***Low-growing plants may increase risk of predation for Tui when feeding near ground.

Other Resources you may be interested in:

Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust at http://www.bpct.org.nz/about_us.html

Department of Conservation at <http://www.doc.govt.nz/conservation/native-animals/birds/land-birds/tui/>

Tui Conservation Park, Marlborough at <http://www.conservationmarlborough.co.nz/sponsor.html>

Chatham Island Tui Transfer at <http://www.chathams.co.nz/content/view/195/83>