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## GROTAB

beside your tree when  
planting...

## PREAMBLE...

Isn't it scary, how quickly time goes... Yet again we're in the midst of frosty mornings and dewy nights... I hope you all have cost-efficient heating!

Now is the time for ordering willows and poplars, not to mention fruit trees and bare-root ornamentals. The nursery is just about to be inundated by trucks delivering delicious OG (Open Ground) stock, so be in quick - before you know it, the window of opportunity for planting passes...

Have you checked out our website lately - it's had a complete makeover, and we're now ("finally", I hear you say...) adding the information sheets. These will be a great resource for everybody, so encourage others to use them too! If you have any suggestions on information sheets you would like to see, just let us know.



I recently visited **Southbridge school** for the 2nd time. A few months ago, I went out and gave a talk on the importance of re-planting natives local to the area, and in conjunction with Te ara Kakariki Greenways Project, Southern Woods provided some advice and donated some plants to get them started.

They are also taking part in a competition being run for all primary schools in the area, based on the amount of knowledge each student gains from such a project.

Southbridge school is now also heavily involved in the planting of an area of Rakaia Island, which is

very exciting, and I look forward to visiting again soon!

## ...Carefree conifers....

What a perfect time to plant conifers! Conifers are great for shelter and/or ornamentals - choose from gold, blue, grey or green foliage. They are easy-care, evergreen, and extremely tough. Browse through some of our offerings....

### *Thuja plicata* (Western Red Cedar)

Grows to 30m high and suits a moist site. It makes a fine shelter, specimen or timber tree, and will withstand hard trimming. The initial growth may be slow, and so the tree needs to be competition-free when young. Thuja will tolerate shade, and is a lovely green backdrop.

#### We currently have available:

OG (35cm)	\$4.45ea	\$3.95 for 10-99	\$2.95 for 100+
02 (30cm)	\$3.50ea	\$2.50 for 10-99	\$2.10 for 100+
05 (80cm)	\$9.75ea	\$8.75 for 10-99	\$7.75 for 100+

### *Cupressus torulosa* (Himalayan Cypress)

Grows to 15m. Suits a dry/moist site, and is great for hedging and shelter. C. torulosa is a great option for a non-trimming shelter, as opposed to Leyland cypress, which needs regular trimming. Plant these at 1.5m spacings.

#### We currently have available:

02 (30cm)	\$3.50ea	\$2.50 for 10-99	\$2.10 for 100+
05 (70cm)	\$9.75ea	\$8.75 for 10-99	\$7.75 for 100+



### *Sequoia sempervirens* (Coastal Redwood)

A majestic monster, it can grow to 45m and likes a moist site. Great for fuelwood, timber and as an ornamental. This plant prefers deep moist soils on a sheltered site.

You need a bit of space for this one, but if you have it, what a treasure!

#### We currently have available:

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## LANDSCAPE PLAN

*that you are completely confused with?*

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- Spiral Tree Guards
- KBC Shelters
- Various Herbicides
- Weed Mats
- Fertilizer Tablets
- Compost
- Rabbit Repellent

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## Leyland Cypress

Widely site-tolerant and fast-growing. Excellent evergreen shelter when side-trimmed and high-quality timber. Leylands are less prone to canker than Cupressus macrocarpa.

We have a variety of colours - gold, grey, blue and green.

**We currently have available:**

04 (50cm) \$6.25ea \$5.25 for 10-99 \$4.50 for 100+  
05 (70cm) \$8.95ea \$7.95 for 10-99 \$6.95 for 100+

## Local Happenings

**29 June Tree Croppers Day To be held at Southern Woods Tree Nursery from 1pm to 3.30pm. ALL WELCOME.**

**17 July Dairy Farmers Day To be held at Deebury Pastoral, Ashburton from 1 to 4pm Thursday, 17 July. ALL WELCOME!**

## SPECIAL ONLINE OFFERS!!

### 2-year old seedlings on sale

We have some two-year old seedlings available at the moment - mainly natives and eucalyptus. These need to be re-potted, or trimmed, and some are a little leggy, but with a trim should come up a treat next season. You need to keep them out of the frosts until spring. We are charging \$1.50ea for them, so be in quick! Choose from the following :

Acacia pravissima	Eucalyptus nitens	Eucalyptus stellulata	Olearia solandrii
Alnus rubra	Eucalyptus obliqua	Eucalyptus viminalis	Pittosporum
crassifolium			
Coprosma lucida	Eucalyptus ovata	Leptospermum scoparium	Pittosporum ralphii
Dodonaea viscosa	Eucalyptus pulchella	Kunzea ericoides	Pittosporum
tenuifolium			
Eucalyptus fastigata	Eucalyptus rodwayii	Nothofagus menziesii	Plagianthus regius

## WHAT SHOULD I BE DOING THIS MONTH?

1. Prepare for spring planting by spraying if weeds are still active, and ripping if the soil is not too wet.
2. Complete form-pruning of pip-fruit and ornamentals to shape them.
3. Plant all bare-rooted species. Order your stock and collect NOW to avoid missing out!
4. All conifer, forestry, deciduous species and shelterbelts should be planted NOW. See our range!
5. Avoid planting eucalypts and natives until spring to minimise frost damage.
6. Treat seedlings with rabbit and hare repellent - this is their favourite time of year to eat your plants, when their is little grass around. Ask about our ever-popular LIQUID SHOTGUN rabbit and hare repellent.

## open ground trees - plant YOURS now

Winter is a great time for planting Open Ground (or Bare Rooted) trees. These are field-grown and once they arrive into the nursery, they are heeled into our sawdust pits. These trees are not sold with any soil around their roots - the roots are simply wrapped in damp moss, or sawdust and bagged, ready for collection or freighting. This is a very cost-efficient way to sell them, and we then get to pass the savings onto you, our treasured customer!



**HOWEVER**, time is very limited as to when you can purchase and plant bare-rooted trees. They are only available while the tree is dormant (ie not growing), and so from now until the end of August is the timeframe for purchasing.

Our stock is now arriving in, and looking absolutely stunning, so if you haven't already ordered (and I must say, judging by the number of orders in our folders, a lot of you already have!), get onto it now before they all sell out, or we run into spring!

## MURRAY'S MOMENT

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We have awesome display gardens, including the following:

Grasses  
Parkland Trees  
Mixed Border  
Hedging

Come in and check them out - see what the plants look like at maturity and in a garden setting....

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We're open 6 days a week

Mon - Fri 8am - 5pm  
Sat 9am - 3pm

Sorry, closed on Sundays and public holidays.

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## Need advice?

Whether it be shelter, firewood lots, revegetation or landscaping.....

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We'll help you out!

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manager, Murray? Murray has extensive experience in the horticultural industry, and is extremely passionate about virtually anything that grows...

Simply email your question to [info@southernwoods.co.nz](mailto:info@southernwoods.co.nz). We'd love to help...

### Question:

We have 3 feijoas that have never had any fruit - two have been in our garden for 4 or 5 years, the other only 1. Can you identify why they have had no fruit?

### Answer:

*It is almost certainly because they have not been pollinated. You need to plant a couple of other cultivars to ensure that you have a mix of pollinators. A Pounamu (early) and Wiki Tu (late season) would be a good combination.*

### Question:

I have 20 Koroneiki Olive trees which I planted out in September. They are about 1m high and have given me a large crop of very small olives. Some have gone black, some are green, but all are too small to harvest this season. Should they be black or green, and should I take the fruit off or leave on over winter?

### Answer:

*You can pickle the fruit, or press the fruit for oil. In both cases you need to ripen the fruit to a stage where a third of the fruit is black, a third green, and a third somewhere in-between. Note that the Koroneiki olive does only produce small olives, but lots of them! Your young trees may be producing fruit that is small still. The first frosts will shrivel the fruit, making it useless - it will drop off by itself over winter. Koroneiki is a very hardy and self-fertile cultivar, the fruit of which makes great oil, or pickled olives. The small fruit means there is more labour in handling the crop and they fit more neatly inside a birds mouth!*

### Question:

We have a mystery disappearance of all the leaves on one of our Southern Gem flowering cherries. Three are perfectly fine and thriving, but one in the middle just didn't seem to come on, the leaves are slowly disappearing until all that's left is bare branches. We have scraped the bark and it is still green underneath.

### Answer:

*Unfortunately, I can't give you a definitive answer as to what the problem is. There is, or has been, a problem with the root system which has stopped the top of the tree from firing. This could have been from grass grub, lack of water, or too much water at some point, soil condition etc. As the trunk is still green underneath the bark, I suspect that the root system is still operating to some extent and the tree is likely to recover to to come into "life" next spring. This is no sure thing though, so you may decide to order a replacement to plant this winter. Your call on this one.*

### Question:

Are you able to source the "Wollemi Pine" from Australia - the ancestral one that they have found in the Blue Mountains?

### Answer:

*Wollemi pines won't be cleared through MAF and available to the public until 2009 at the earliest. We will be selling them as soon as they become available, and will be taking pre-orders as soon as an arrival date is fixed.*

### Question:

I'm keen to buy several exotic trees for shelter in animal pens (angora goats). Obviously, the trees will need protection around them but even so, I want to make sure I don't plant anything poisonous to stock. Can you advise if the following are suitable:

Acer 'Autumn Blaze', Acer griseum, Fraxinus angustifolia 'Raywoodii', Liquidambar styraciflua, Quercus ellipsoidalis, Ulmus procera 'Louis van Houtte'.

### Answer:

*One of the Acer 'Autumn Blaze's' parents, Acer rubrum has autumn foliage that is highly toxic to horses, and the Quercus ellipsoidalis has acorns that have the potential to be toxic. In saying this, goats have very tough stomachs, and by keeping the stock away in the autumn you won't have a problem. I don't know of any problems with the others.*



# FIELD DAY

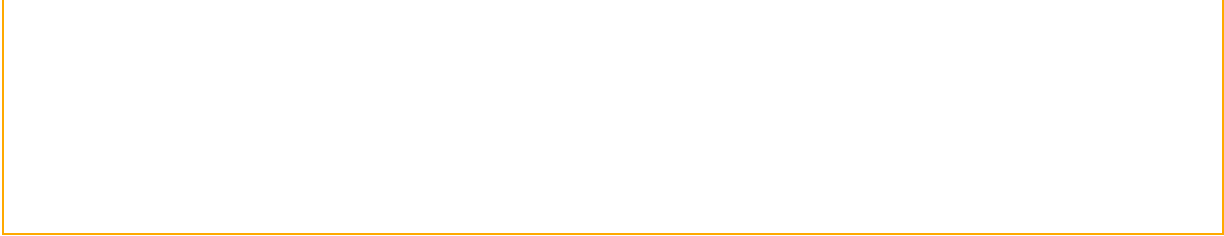
## come one, come all

Southern Woods, in conjunction with the Canterbury Tree Crops Assn, is hosting a Field Day at the nursery on June 29th (Sunday) from 1 - 3.30pm.

### TOPICS INCLUDE...

- Truffle Production (Bill Lee)
- Orchard Establishment (Stephen Lockett)
- Te ara Kakariki Greenways Project (Robyne Hyndman)
- Native Plants - planning, planting and use in shelter (Murray Mannall)

**ALL WELCOME - SEE YOU THERE!**



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