

What to plant where

A practical guide to help your
native planting project thrive



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Trees for the land, birds and the people



Selecting the right species for your native planting project

Choosing the right plants for the right place is one of the most important steps in setting your native planting project up for long-term success.

Every site is unique — from wet gullies to dry hillsides and shady slopes — and each environment suits a different mix of species.

What to Plant Where is your go-to guide for matching native species to the places they'll thrive.

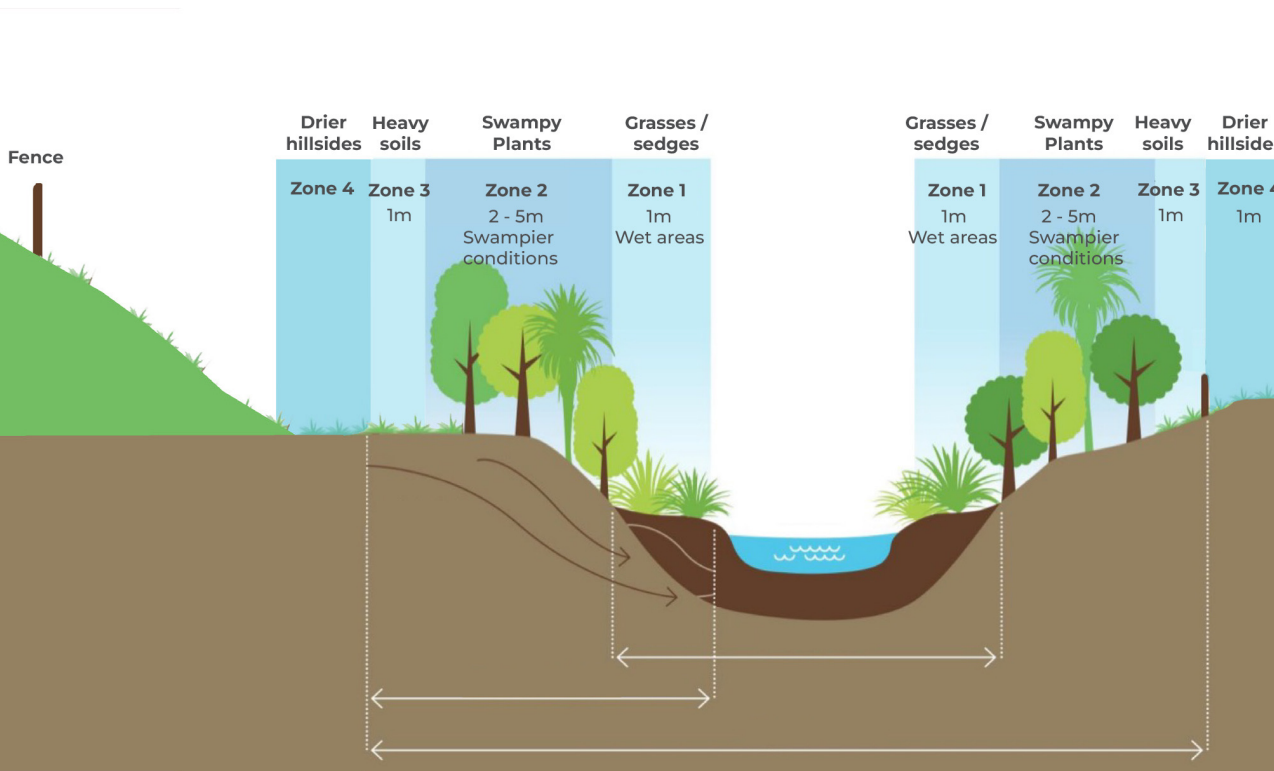
Whether you're restoring biodiversity, protecting waterways, or creating shade and shelter, this resource makes it easy to plan with confidence and enjoy the rewards of a thriving planting project.



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Suitable planting conditions by zone

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Akeake

Drier areas although it does well in rich soils.

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Cabbage tree

Wet areas through to dry hillsides. Versatile.

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Carex geminata

Wetlands, stream and pond edges.

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Carex secta

Wetlands, stream and pond edges.

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Carex virgata

Wetlands, stream and pond edges.

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Cyperus ustulatus

Wetlands, stream and pond edges but can tolerate drier conditions when established.

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Harakeke/Swamp flax

Wetlands and pond edges.

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Hebe

Well drained soil. Thrives on hillsides and doesn't like wet feet.

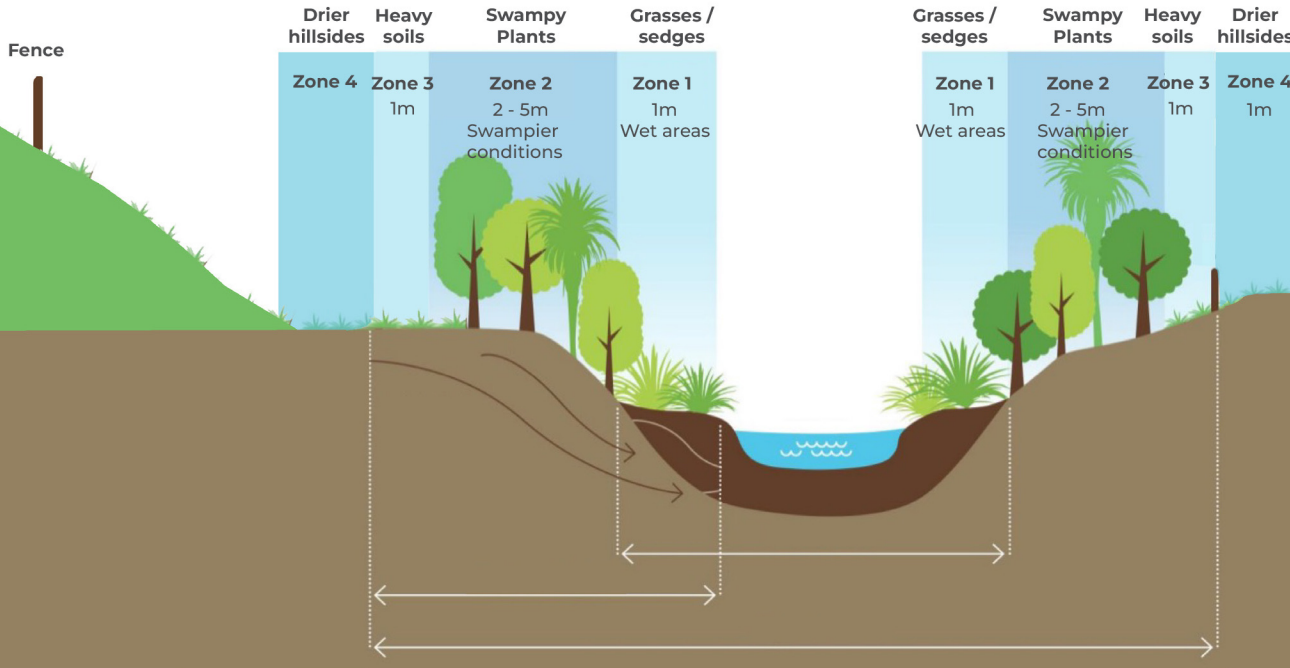
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Kānuka

Well drained soils. Thrives on dry hillsides but also does well in fertile areas but not wet.

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Kahikatea

Wet areas, riparian zones, low-lying sites.

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Karamū

Can tolerate some dry and wet but prefers well drained soils.

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Kohuhu/Pittosporum

Can tolerate some dry and wet but prefers well drained soils.

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Kōwhai

Tolerates most soil types. Naturally occurs on stream and pond margins.

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Lacebark

Can tolerate some dry and wet but prefers well drained soils.

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Lemonwood

Can tolerate some dry and wet but prefers well drained soils.

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Mahoe

Can tolerate some dry and wet but is happy in damper soils. Does well in shade.

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Mānuka

Anywhere! Mānuka thrives in anything from wet to dry. The most versatile native of all.

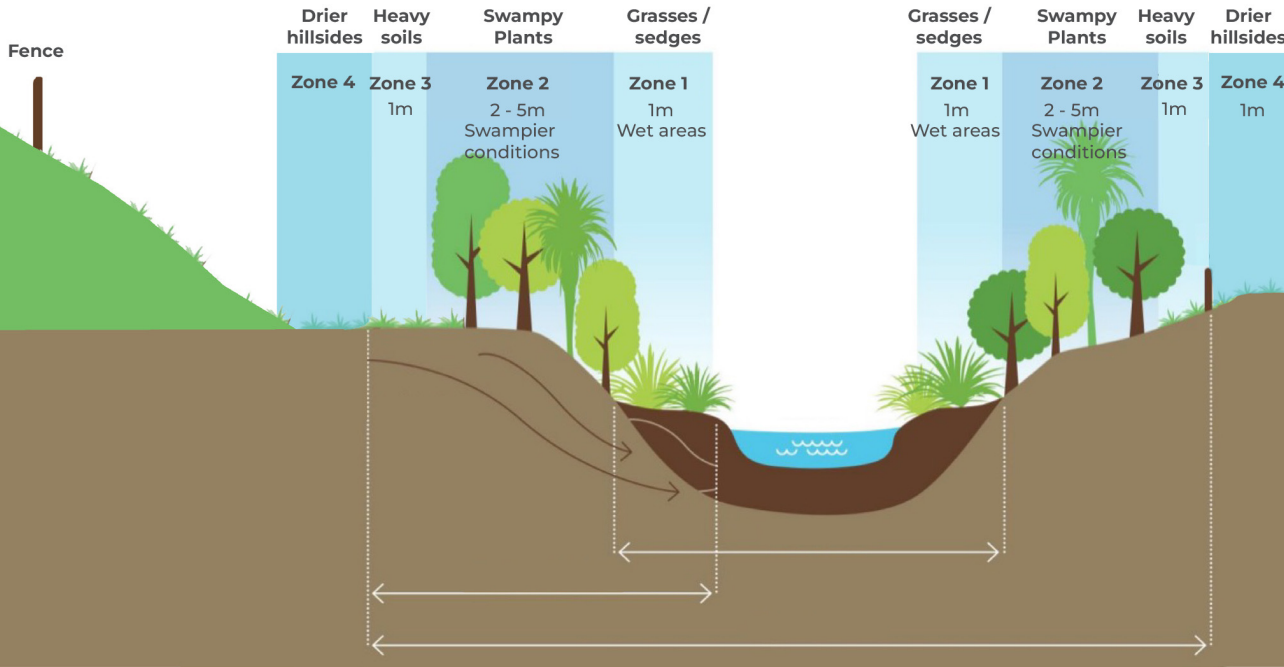
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Mountain flax

Medium to drier areas away from swamps.

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Does well in any medium to damp soil. Thrives on the margin of wetlands



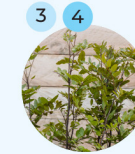
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Forest margins, lowland to sub-alpine areas.



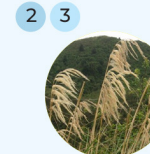
Ribbonwood

Does well in any medium to damp soil. Thrives on the margin of wetlands.



Titoki

Forest margins, stream banks, lowland to subalpine areas.



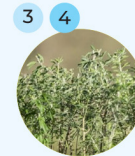
Toetoe

Grows well anywhere from medium to damp.



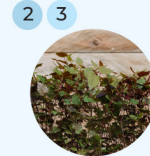
Totara

Adaptable from dry hillsides to wetlands.



Tree lucerne

Grows well anywhere but struggles to persist in wet areas.



Wineberry

Does well in any medium to damp soil. Thrives on the margin of wetlands.



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