

Little Free Mobile Garden Centre

Merry Christmas!

If you see something you can find a home for, it's yours!

We're seeing a few people today, so please limit yourself to <u>two per person</u>, and only <u>one of any species</u>.

If you want more, talk to Kat and she can probably sort you out.

Take a photo of your plant's care and planting requirements below!

NZ NATIVES - ECOSOURCED FROM THE OUTPOST

Kānuka – Good for bees and establishing native plantings. Tolerates drought. White flowers. Grows to 18m. Best planted after Easter. Keep in a sunny place until then.

Puriri – Attracts birds. Pink flowers. Large tree grows 20m+. Incredible at surviving adverse situations once established. Prefers regular moisture. Best planted after Easter. Keep in a shady place until then.

Taraire – Attracts birds. Purple fruit. Large tree grows 20m+. Prefers regular moisture. Best planted after Easter. Keep in a shady place until then.

Tōtara – Hardy tree that will grow quite fast. Can be trained to shapes and hedging, or used for forestry. Attracts birds. Red berries. Tolerates drought. Grows 20m+. Best planted after Easter. Keep in a sunny place until then.

EDIBLES

Agria potatoes – Ready to go in the ground NOW! There is a link to some growing instructions on the bag. You can grow potatoes in a bucket, a large pot, or in the garden.

Horseradish – Perennial herb. Can be harvested after it's second year. Dig up roots after leaves die back. Grow in a pot unless you want it taking over your garden!

Rosemary – Upright variety. Perfect for making BBQ skewers and drying. Blue flowers attract bees. Smells incredible. Grows to 3m, but can be kept shorter with pruning. Makes a good hedge. Plant anytime.

Red pineapple – Recently potted, so leave it in this pot until next spring. Needs full sun and excellent drainage. Pour water down the spout of the plant, not in the soil. Try keep the spouts filled with water at all times. Watch out! These are prickly!! Grows to 1m² when given room. May need staking.

Taro – While the underground root is edible, it's hard to get it to grow large enough to eat in New Zealand. The leaves are edible. Prefers a moist, partially-shady, frost-free spot. Leaves can get quite large. Makes a beautiful understory plant. Plant while it's still warm.

SUCCULENTS

Aloe vera – Nice low-prickle variety. Likes a bit of moisture or shade. Every house should have an aloe vera plant! Grows to 40cm with enough root space. Will multiply over time. Can grow in a pot or in a garden with good drainage. Plant while it's warm.

Jade Plant (Crassula) – Low maintenance succulent. Best outdoors in large ceramic pot. Can live for 50 years + and grow as large as the pot will let it. Ensure the soil is well drained, but happy with whatever rainfall it gets. Plant while it's warm.

'Topsy Turvy' (Echeveria) – Low maintenance spreading succulent. Happy indoors or out. Will spread to about 40cm wide. Water every 2 weeks in summer, once a month in winter. Plant while it's warm.

Vicks plant – Low care succulent that smells just Vicks Vapour Rub. Can be mixed with petroleum jelly to make your own Vicks Vapourub. Thrives on neglect, but will spread easily. Stunning neon blue flowers. Grows to around 50cm high. Plant any time.

'Violet Queen' (Echevaria) – Low maintenance spreading succulent. Each head can get to around 15cm wide. Prefers low water, can be grown inside or out. The plant can get up to 50cm wide and 30cm tall. Plant while it's warm.

Zebra Cactus (Haworthia) – Low maintenance succulent. Excellent indoor plant. Happy in a pot, will stay relatively small but will divide into new plants over time. Water every 2 weeks in summer, once a month in winter. Plant while it's warm.