

Nursery News

WINTER 2018

AN UPDATE FROM THE FOREST & BIRD (WELLINGTON BRANCH)
NATIVE PLANT RESTORATION PROJECT



More weather

Another Wellington weather event – our old friend the wind – has seen a shadehouse, along with benches, completely blown over and plants tossed here, there and everywhere. The wreck of the shadehouse has been dismantled (see photo) and the plants are being repotted and rehoused.



UPDATE

The future

Since the last newsletter there have been further discussions about the future location of the Nursery and there is now some flexibility. Watch this space ...

Getting to the Nursery

On July 15 bus routes throughout Wellington changed. The No. 20, which used to go to Highbury during the week, has been replaced by the No.25 which will also run at the weekend. This bus route serves Khandallah West, Ngaio, Aro Valley and Highbury. The No. 3 to Karori has been replaced by the No.2. For full details of the new routes go to www.metlink.org.nz

Distributions this season

We have had very positive feedback regarding the variety and quality of plants. A grand total of **11,336 plants** have gone out to a range of groups including:

QEII Trust • Whitirea • GWRC Wainuiomata • Brooklyn Trail Builders • Stuart Park • GRWC Baring Head • Pauatahanui • Conservation Volunteers NZ • Tanera Gully • Friends of Maara Roa • A skink habitat • Forest & Bird Lower Hutt • Mt Vic Revegers • Makara Peak • Brian – Wainuiomata • Manawa Karioi • Paekawakawa • Te Motu Kairangi-Miramar Ecological Restoration • Friends of Tawa Bush • Glenside • Waiwhetu Stream Care • Bryant – Makara • Places for Penguins • Kahurangi School • Zealandia • Wellington City Council

Fern facts



Hen and chicken fern
Asplenium bulbiferum

Tips from June on how to grow hen and chicken ferns (*Asplenium bulbiferum*)

- Collect the largest chickens from the adult fern.
- Put about 12mm (½ inch) of water in an ice-cream container and place the chickens in the water, black furry centre down.
- Put the container on a shelf or window sill out of direct sunlight. Top up water as needed.
- Keep inside for about a month.
- To pot up, half fill an ice-cream container with potting mix. Make small indents with thumb and put the plant in, gently pushing soil round plant.
- Put outside in sheltered spot until big enough to plant out.

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