

Nursery News

LATE SUMMER 2019

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

A late Happy New Year and Thank You to all volunteers and supporters for your contribution during 2018

Back to work

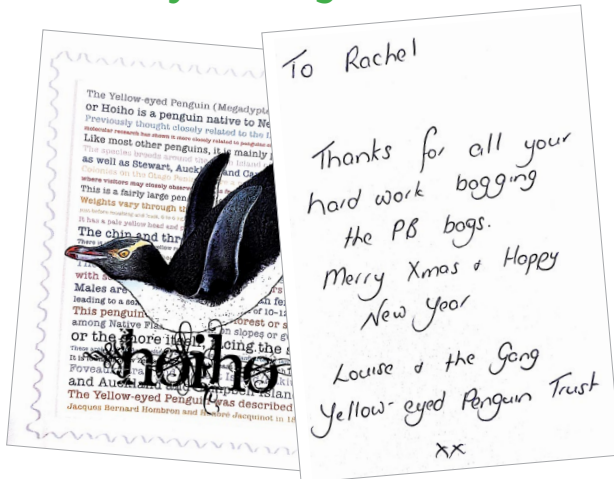
We've had plant-sourcing trips to Wright's Hill, Futuna, Johnson's Hill, Ngaio Gorge/Trelissick Park, Hawkins Hill, Silversky Track/Huntleigh Park and Khandallah. This has set us up with a good selection of seed, cuttings and seedlings.

We are now in the process of readying plants for our annual distribution to local community planting groups.

Due to disruption in our normal planning cycle in the last 12 months, we have fewer plants ready for planting out than we would have liked but we still have a good range of stock available. Despite having set aside some 500 plants in two species that we knew were required, we still have almost 11,000 ready to plant.

Some stock is not included on the distribution list because it is for specialised areas. It has been propagated and made ready, which will boost our numbers internally, but will not be available for choice by the community.

Greetings and thanks from the Yellow-eyed Penguin Trust



Must have been the one about the weevil and the *aciphylla squarrosa*.

WHERE OUR PLANTS GO

Feedback from Kahurangi School

The plants received from Forest and Bird are doing really well.

After an initial planting bee, the Ministry of Education then made a bold decision to clear the area completely for a recycled classroom from Newtown school.

Almost all the natives survived and have been planted out around a new de-gorsed area and are looking absolutely fabulous. The timing of the new/old classroom maneuver has worked out well, as a large section of the school has been out of bounds for everyone as the building proceeded, giving the natives a greater chance of survival.

Thank you so much for your help, advice and energy. With the WCC ranger and a digger from Kennards, it has been a huge success. Access to a large area of school grounds is now open for the first time, for the school and the community to enjoy and make use of, as if it were an extension of their own home and garden.

Peter Doyle, Kahurangi School