

# How to design a native garden.

## What plants will suit your site?

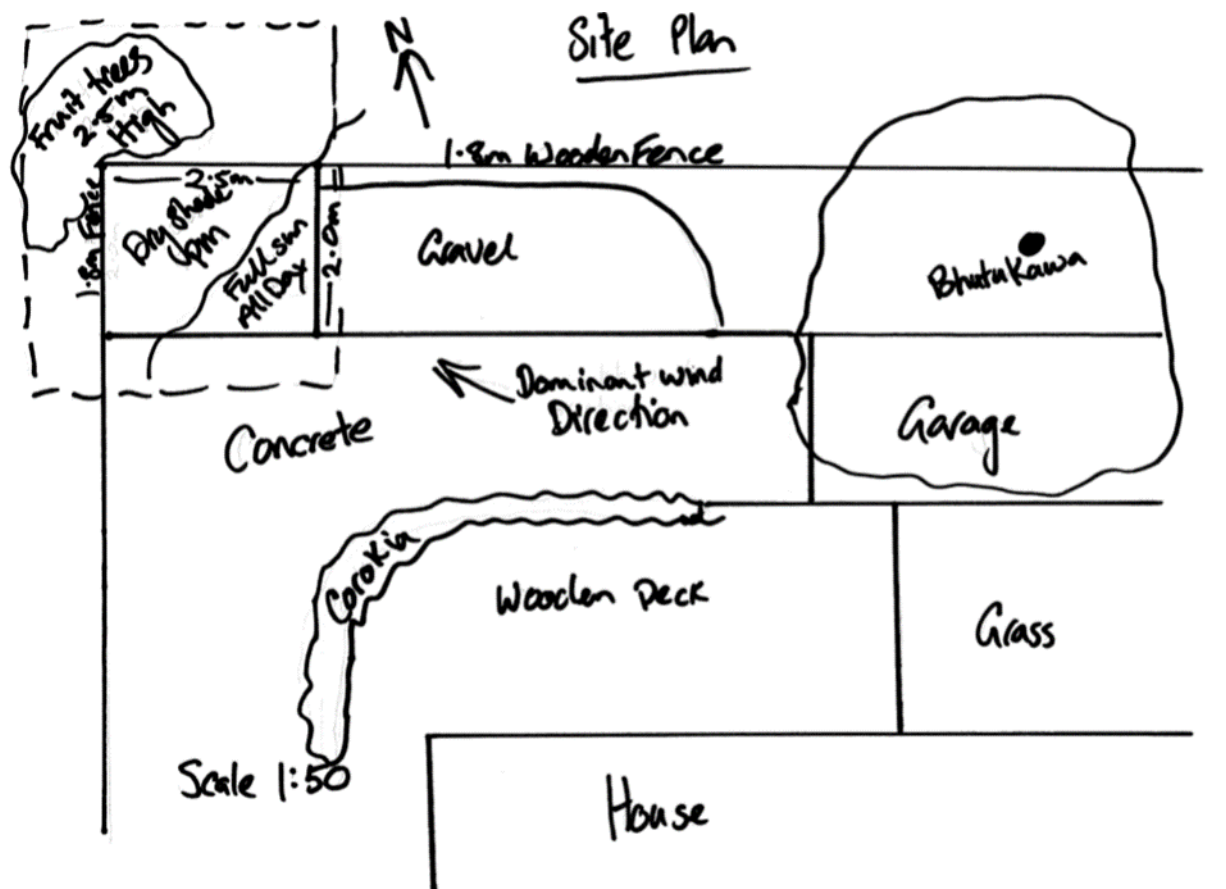
- How much sun does it get?
- What about in winter?
- Which way does it face – north facing? South?
- How exposed is it? (how windy?)
- What type of soil do I have? Clay? Volcanic? Rocky?
- How dry is the site – dry, well-drained, damp or boggy?
- Are you at the top of a hill, on a gentle slope, at the top of a gully, bottom of a valley?
- Do you get frosts in winter on your site
- Is there anything under the ground you need to consider?
- Once you know your site conditions, only consider plants that will suit your site!
- Make a list of suitable plants for your site, then research those plants to see what you like and what is available in your local nurseries.

## Plant ideas – Reference Materials

- Books – The Gardener's Encyclopedia of New Zealand Native Plants by Yvonne Cave & Valda Paddison, Random House, 1999
- The Native Garden by Isobel Gabites & Rob Lucas, Random House, 1998
- The Coastal Garden by Isobel Gabites, Pott & Burton 2015
- Auckland Botanical Gardens – Native Garden Exhibit.
- <https://www.doc.govt.nz/our-work/motukarara-conservation-nursery/planning-and-planting-a-native-garden/>
- <https://www.doc.govt.nz/nature/native-plants/>
- [https://www.weedbusters.org.nz/site/assets/files/1085/plant\\_me\\_instead\\_auckland\\_screener.pdf](https://www.weedbusters.org.nz/site/assets/files/1085/plant_me_instead_auckland_screener.pdf)
- <https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/environment/plants-animals/plant-for-your-ecosystem/Pages/default.aspx>

### Planting plan – site conditions

- Environmental conditions of planting area i.e. shady, sunny, well drained, windy etc.
- Size, shape of area to be planted



### Planting plan - Plants

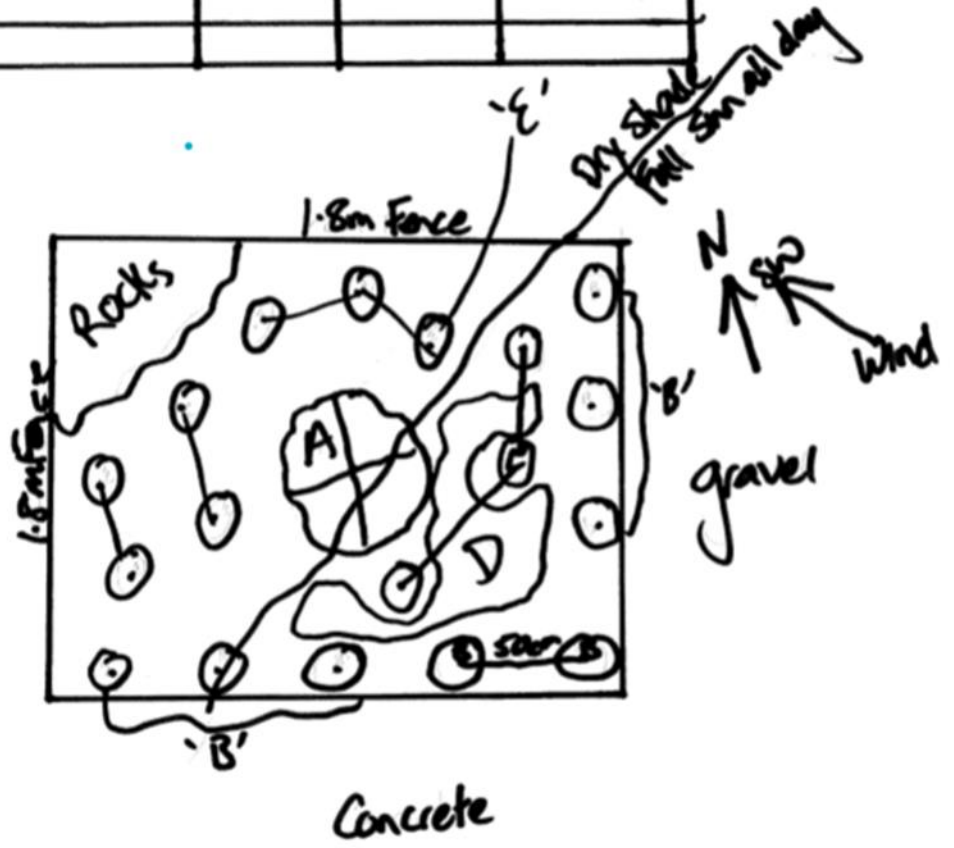
Species

Size when mature

Spacing – based on width when mature

Number of each species

Key	Species	Mat height	Width	Spacing	Number
A					
B					
C					
D					
E					



Planting Plan