

# NurseryNews

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

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## Ready to go to a forever home

The “Plants available” list has been sent out and orders are now being prepared and processed. The plants are lined up on the drive ready and waiting.



## Rodent management

Local resident and helpful neighbour, Tahi Piripi, has taken over trapping duties, checking out our 18 traps. Since October he has caught 12 rats and 5 mice.



## News from Wainuiomata

- The shade house is bulging at the seams with seedlings ready for potting on and larger plants ready for planting.
- Flax, *Olearia virgata* and *Melicytus lanceolatus* will be planted by children from several schools during May in the nearby Wainuiomata Regional Park wetland.
- The *Melicytus lanceolatus* will have to be protected from browsing deer with wire-mesh cages, as we do with the raupo (see photo below).
- The nearby wetland is a KNE (Key Native Ecosystem), which deems it a regional protected and important wetland.
- On a recent trip to the water catchment area rimu seedlings were collected so rimu can be added to the list of plants being grown.
- The catchment area is pristine (has not been logged) and is filled with the giants of the forest.
- We are fortunate to have support from Vlad, the Regional Park ranger, for our collection endeavours.



## Gallery

From left: some rimu grown from cuttings, doing very well; curiously the little seed shed was the target of graffiti ‘artists’ earlier this year; and a photo taken on the Skyline track above Otari – quite a catch!



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