

# plant palette

Mixture of native and exotic plants for a lush garden with year-round interest. Emphasis on foliage with some colour in flower and foliage also. Accent colour red.



Astelia 'Westland'



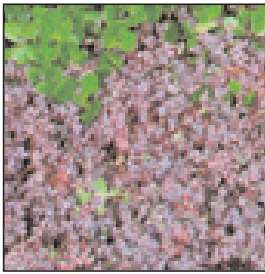
Phormium 'Black rage'



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Coprosma 'repens'



Acena inermis 'Purpurea'



Rhapostlyis sapida



Psuedopanax 'Cyril watson'



Pittosporum 'Mountain green'



Hibiscus 'Molly cummings'



Phormium 'Merlot'



Meryta sinclairii



Colocasia fontanesii



Alocasia gageana



Ligularia reniformis



Lomandra 'Tanika'



Dicksonia fibrosa



Hermerocallis 'Scarlet Orbit'



Cyperus papyrus



Cordyline 'Red fountain'



Canna 'Rangitoto'

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*Alectryon excelsus*



*Rademacheria sinica*



*Chinochola flavicans*



*Coprosma 'repens'*

## ***Astelia nervosa* 'Westland'**

A stunning *Astelia* with reddish bronze arching leaves. Feed with a slow release fertiliser to maintain good colouring.

- H 1m x W 1m
- Sun or semi-shade
- Wet intolerant
- Requires a free draining soil
- Prone to phytophthora if over watered
- Frost hardy
- Wind tolerant

## ***Phormium* 'Black rage'**

An excellent selection of flax with a bold upright habit and black foliage.

It keeps its colour well as the plant matures. It prefers a dry exposed situation, as all the coloured cultivar flaxes are prone to *Phytophthora* (root rot) in wet humid conditions. Feed with a controlled release fertiliser.

- H 0.8m x W 0.8m
- Full sun.
- Prefers a dry, exposed situation
- Hardy.

## ***Phormium* 'Emerald gem'**

A compact dwarf green flax cultivar.

- H 0.5m x W 0.5m
- Full sun
- Hardy

## ***Coprosma repens* 'Poor knights'**

A prostrate form of *Coprosma repens*, from the Poor Knights Island. It has large glossy green leaves and a sprawling habit.

- H 0.5m x W 1m
- Full sun
- Tolerates dry and coastal conditions.
- Frost tender

## ***Acena inermis* 'Purpurea' - Bidibidi, Piripiri**

Bidibidi is a compact and hardy herbaceous groundcover with a one metre spread. It has a good tight habit and has attractive deep purple leaves creating a mass effect. Feed with a slow release fertiliser to attain the best foliage colour.

- H 10mm x W 1m
- Full sun

## ***Rhopalostylis sapida* (Chatham Island) - Nikau**

It is the only mainland palm and is much slower growing than the offshore island forms. It is found in lowland forest throughout the North Island to Banks Peninsula in the east and Greymouth in the west.

Flowering doesn't occur until it is at least 30 years old, followed by red fruits which take a year to ripen.

- H 10m or more
- Semi shade or shade
- Tolerant of light frosts
- Prefers a sheltered position
- Provides food for native birds

## **Pseudopanax 'Cyril watson'** - Hybrid Five-finger

This distinctive popular hybrid Pseudopanax grows into an attractive bushy shrub. The leaves are thick and leathery with three to five short lobes. It is slow growing and has a tight growth habit.

- H 3m x W 3m
- Full sun and semi-shade.
- New growth may be frost tender.
- Wind tolerant

## **Pittosporum 'Mountain green'**

Excellent cultivar with bright green leaves and compact form. Full sun.

- H 3.5m x W 2m
- Sun or semi-shade
- Frost hardy
- Wind tolerant
- Trim when young to encourage dense growth and strong roots. Prune to shape as desired. A light dressing of fertiliser in autumn will help encourage fresh growth

## **Hibiscus 'Molly cummings'**

Sumptuous large, rich velvety bloom of the deepest blood red. A real talking point in the garden.

- H 1.5m x W 1.5m
- Sun
- Prune in late winter/early spring when the resulting tender new growth will be safe from cold damage

## **Phormium 'Melot' - flax**

It offers bold, architectural lines with its erect, sword-shaped leaves and rich foliage colour.

- H 1.6m x W 1m
- Full sun
- Tolerates dry and coastal conditions

## **Meryta sinclairii** - Puka

A tree found naturally on Three Kings and the Hen and Chicken Islands. It is extremely tropical in appearance with large bold glossy green leaves and fast growing.

- H 5m x W 4m
- Sun or semi-shade.
- Coastal hardy
- Frost tender

## **Colocasia fontanesii'** - Black taro

Black stems and dark metallic green leaves. Moist situations produce larger plants. Spreading stolons but easily controlled.

- H 1.5m x W 2m
- Partial shade
- Spreading stolons
- Frost sensitive

## **Alocasia gageana** - Green taro

Frippy leafed taro. Hardy in winter. One of the best Alocasias. A lovely foliage plant.

- H 1.5m x W 1.2m
- Sun or shade
- Rich soil, feed with compost

## **Ligularia reniformus** - Tractor seat Ligularia

Bold leafed foliage, makes a real statement in the garden. Needs plenty of water.

- H 1m x W 1.2m
- Sun or shade, prefers shade
- Rich soil, feed with compost
- Plenty of water

## **Lomandra 'Tanika'**

Excellent grass cultivar with bright green leaves, looks great all year round.

- H 1m x W 0.9m
- Sun or semi-shade
- Frost hardy
- Wind tolerant
- Trim when young to encourage dense growth and strong roots. Prune to shape as desired. A light dressing of fertiliser in autumn will help encourage fresh growth

## **Dicksonia fibrosa** - Tree fern

The pleasing symmetrical appearance and the hardiness of this species makes it a favourite of the New Zealand tree ferns. It is slow growing, the fibrous trunk is thick and the fronds are a fresh green colour. It is important not to remove the dead fronds as it protects the tree fern from drying out. This brown skirt-like feature makes it the species easy to identify.

- H 2-6m
- Shade but will grow in full sun
- Tolerant of dry conditions once established
- Frost hardy

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## **Hemerocallis 'Scarlet orbit' - Day lily**

Large, rounded, long lasting scarlet flowers with a deeper halo and a chartreuse centre. Day lilies are almost fool proof plants in that they are remarkably easy to grow. They are very tolerant of soil type and have a survival instinct that will surprise even the most.

- H 0.5m x W 0.6m
- Full sun
- Tolerates dry and coastal condition

## **Cyperus papyrus** - Papyrus, Umbrella grasses

This spreading, perennial sedge has triangular, leafless stems which produce umbels of brown spikelets on 8-10cm. stalks in summer. Looks great planted near water. Half hardy (protect from heavy frost). Evergreen. Egyptian papyrus is one of the fastest-growing bog plants around and in the right conditions it can grow up to 2m tall. It likes really wet soil and can cope with shallow water. Give it plenty of space - in a small bog garden use the dwarf variety *Cyperus haspan* instead.

- H 2 m x W 0.6m spreading, keep contained
- Full sun
- Tolerates dry and loves wet soils

## **Cordyline 'Red fountain'**

A clump-forming cordyline which has striking, deep red, strap-like leaves. Ideal in containers or underplanting in a low maintenance garden. Allow soil to dry between waterings. Prefers a sunny location and good drainage. Hardy. Evergreen.

- H 1.2m x W 1m
- Full sun
- Tolerates dry and coastal condition

## **Canna 'Rangitoto' - Canna lily**

Has large green leaves & bright red flowers from spring to autumn. Dies back in autumn & comes again in spring. Cut back 2/3 in late winter, it will come away again quickly in spring/summer.

- H 1.2m x W 1m
- Full sun
- Tolerates dry but also likes soil moist

## **Alectryon excelus - New Zealand native Oak, Titoki**

An attractive tree found in lowland forest from North Cape to Banks Peninsula. It has attractive glossy dark green leaves and is naturally a single leader tree with a spreading canopy, making it an excellent specimen tree. It has bright red fruit capsules that split to reveal shiny black seeds. The fruit can take up to a year to mature.

- H 4 - 8 m
- Sun or semi-shade.
- Wet intolerant. Prefers a rich soil
- Protect from frost when young
- Prefers shelter from wind
- Provides food for native birds

## **Rademachera sinca - Canton Lace**

Canton Lace is an evergreen tree which occasionally loses its leaves briefly in October-November if in an exposed situation. It develops into a round headed tree with large frond-like sets of lacy leaves. They cope with damp clay and dry places too and can be pruned to shape.

- H 4 m x 2.5m
- Sun or semi-shade.
- White trumpet shaped flowers in Spring/ Summer.