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Restoration and Conservation Information

Want to find out which plants are suitable for your area and how to plant them? Which plants help to stabilise stream banks or how to best control rats and possums?

The resources below will help you answer these questions and more.

Plant Selection and Planting

There are a number of sources of good advice on which species to select for which habitat and how to prepare, plant and care for your natives. A selection of the best are:

[Protecting and Restoring Our Natural Heritage—A Practical Guide](#). The **Department of Conservation's** guide for community groups is an excellent resource on managing or improving small patches of bush and on a range of restoration topics.

Waitakere City Council produce [Native to the West](#) - a guide to planning natives in your backyard and to restoring larger bush sites. While its focus is on the Waitakere area it provides a good guide to plant suitability in different areas (shady, boggy, slopes)—useful in all parts of New Zealand. Complete with a Māori glossary and planting for the birds section.

Environment Waikato produce a number of resources on [Managing Forest Fragments](#) provides information on attracting native animals, fencing, pest and weed control and a planting guide. Also provided are a series of useful [factsheets](#) on agricultural, waterway and wetland restoration topics.

Auckland Regional Council's guide [Plant, Restore, Protect](#) on what to plant and where provides information on which plants are suitable for ridges and gullies, although the information can be applied to other areas on New Zealand it is specifically written for the Auckland region. It also provides ideas on where to get native plants in the area.

[Restoration Planting](#) is **Greater Wellington Regional Council's** web guide to how residents can plant to improve stream, coast, forest and back yard health.

If you live in one of these council's areas you may be able to receive further advice and assistance with your project from council staff. Only a few council's resources are here, contact your own to see what they offer.

Wetland and Estuary Restoration

[The National Wetland Trust of New Zealand](#) provides a forum and information for groups involved in or interested in wetland conservation and restoration.

New Zealand Landcare Trust has produced an extremely useful resource for community groups [*Turning the Tide - An Estuaries Toolkit for New Zealand Communities*](#) available as downloadable files.

Environment Waikato produces a number of useful factsheets on wetland restoration including *Coastal Factsheet 18 - Mangroves* and *Factsheet 5 - Wetland Restoration*, *Factsheet 3 - Wetland Planting Guide* – all of which are available on-line.

Auckland Regional Council produces a number of factsheets; *Coastal wetlands, saltmarshes and estuaries*, and *Wonderful Wetlands*.

Greater Wellington Regional Council produces a number of guides on wetland creation and restoration including the excellent [*Beginners Guide to Wetland Restoration*](#)

Tasman District Council produced [*Estuary Restoration Workshop Proceedings*](#) which provides some useful advice and resources for groups and councils interested in restoring estuarine environments

Dune Care and Coastal Restoration

There are number of resources available for community groups interested in coastal and dune restoration.

Dune Restoration Trust of New Zealand brings people together to share information on Sand Dunes with emphasis on the use of New Zealand native dune vegetation to restore the dunes' natural character, form and function.

Environment Bay of Plenty produces a range of [Coast Care Information](#) Brochures and other information on coast care including information on community involvement in restoring sand dunes.

Auckland Regional Council produces a number of [Coastal Planting Guides](#) and information on [sand dunes](#).

Riparian Planting

There is information available on riparian restoration and planting.

Greater Wellington Regional Council produces two brochures *Mind the Stream* and *Can Fish Fly?* and other resources for riparian conservation and restoration.

Christchurch City Council produces the [Streamside Planting Guide](#) for riparian planting in mid-Canterbury

Auckland Regional Council produces a [Streamside Planting Guide](#) for the Auckland Region

Pest and Weed Control

Pest animals and plants (weeds) are one of the greatest threats to New Zealand's biodiversity. There are a number of resources that can support your group in carrying out effective pest animal and weed control.

New Zealand Landcare Trust produces the [Pest Control Guidelines](#), a useful resource which can be downloaded from their website.

[National Possum Control Agencies](#) provides advice and guidance on controlling a range of pest animals, not just possums.

[Weedbusters](#) is a national organisation that runs a weeds awareness and education programme that aims to protect New Zealand's environment from the increasing weed problem.

[Biosecurity New Zealand](#) The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry's Biosecurity New Zealand has prime responsibility for preventing the introduction of new plant pests into New Zealand and offers advice on weeds already here.

[Predator Traps](#), the company that manufactures the official DOC series of traps (DOC 150, DOC 200, DOC 250), produce useful information on building trapping tunnels, using the DOC series traps, control methods and example trap layouts.

Regional Councils have primary responsibility for controlling weeds and animal pests and may produce good publications to advise the public and help them identify pest species. Check your Regional Council website for information or talk to the pest control officer.