

Kaipatiki Project

Inspiring communities to live sustainably

Winter 2008

500 Plants for Eskdale Reserve

It's that time of year again to don the woolly socks, gumboots, beanies and to GET PLANTING.

Kaipatiki Project held its first community planting day in the Eskdale Reserve on Saturday 7th June. Despite the windy day we had a great turn out :14 adults and 7 children who planted 500 native plants in only 2 hours.



A great big thank you to everyone that turned up to help out.

Whether you planted a tree, cooked the bbq or made coffee, your contribution was much appreciated.

Without volunteers from our community, the day would not have been possible.

All of the trees planted were eco sourced from local reserves and grown at the Kaipatiki Project Nursery, again by volunteers.

If you have a spare hour or so on any of our next planting days (see back page for dates), come down and help us enrich this beautiful native bird habitat by planting a tree. Bring along a spade and gloves or borrow ours for the day – there are many different jobs to be done as well as planting trees such as cooking the bbq, picking up plant bags and serving soup.

We would love to see you there. Please book for groups larger than 10.

Please contact Holly on 482 1172

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Kids at Kaipatiki

Make a Recycled Bird Feeder for Winter

With Winter on the way, the birds get hungry and can't always find the food that they need to survive.

Things that you need:

Plastic drink bottle or milk bottle

Wire or string

Bird seed (either collected from a walk, or from the pet shop)

Scissors

Carefully cut a hole in the side of the bottle, high enough that the seed will not fall out. Make a few small holes in the bottom to drain away rainwater. Wrap wire, or string around the neck of the bottle and hang from a tree or the washing line.

If your feeder starts to go mouldy, recycle it and make another one! Just remember to keep it well stocked as the birds come to rely on them and will go hungry if you forget.

**Don't do this if you are allergic to nuts.
Be careful with knives and scissors.
Ask an adult if you need help.**



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It's easy to become a friend of Kaipatiki!

Simply make a contribution and you'll receive an attractive native plant for your garden.

YES - I would like to become a Kaipatiki Friend/
Renew my membership

- \$10 individual membership
- \$15 family membership
- \$50 business membership

Name.....

Address:

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Phone:

Email

Payment Options:

- Cheque enclosed for \$.....
- Cash – I will go to the centre in person

Attach your cheque and post completed form to:
Kaipatiki Project, 17 Lauderdale, Birkdale, North
Shore City 0626

The Friendly Kiwi Garden: Reintroducing Native Plants and Animals by Tabitha Becroft

The sight of a Tui stopping to drink at a birdbath in the garden lifts my spirits and leaves me with a sense of wonder! But Kereru are my favourite, every year a large plump bird spends hours in our Nikau palms eating the bright orange berries. Sometimes he hangs upside down to reach that last succulent berry at the bottom of the bunch, saving himself with his wings when he over stretches and starts to fall! Many people are not getting these experiences because most gardens are becoming wildlife wastelands due to infill housing, weeds and scorched earth gardens! With

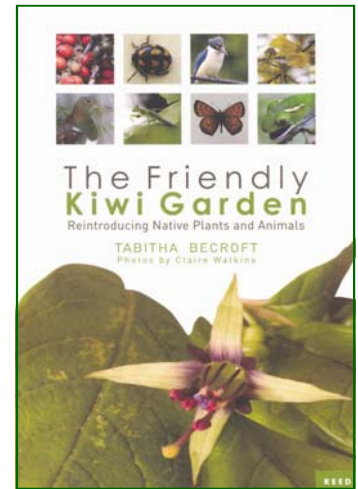


a few changes in our garden, we can start attracting more of our unique wildlife that we treasure.

The Friendly Kiwi Garden outlines how

to bring back our fabulous native wildlife into our backyards through planting the right trees, and making safe environments for our flora and fauna. The book outlines what to plant for our native birds and how to make habitat for lizards and insects.

The book is inspired by my involvement with the Kaipatiki Project for the last 8 years and my love of the outdoors.



Kaipatiki Project is taking orders for The Friendly Kiwi Garden. It costs \$25 with a percentage going towards restoration work on the North Shore.

Kaipatiki People ✨ ✨ ✨ Kaipatiki People

A FOND FAREWELL TO LINE AND HER FAMILY

It is with great sadness that we say farewell to Line and the entire Hart family—Tony, Ellie and Sammy. They will be returning to Wigan, UK in July.

Line has worked and been the voice of Kaipatiki for nearly 3 years, both in the office and co-ordinating the growing Create your own Eden free composting initiative all over Auckland. She has been the finance (an accounts star!), the admin (a huge sense of humour!), biscuit buyer—the whole lot!!! She has been a delight to work with, always has a smile on her face and has run the office superbly. She has taken Kaipatiki to a new level and helped to create a platform for growth.

Tony has been a huge part of restoration in the past and has also had his time as a dedicated member of the team and the children have enjoyed many a school holiday here too.

Thanks for all the cakes—we would all love the recipe for your date cake! I'm sure that everyone here; staff, committee members, volunteers and even passer-bys would agree that you will be missed. Thanks for your time, dedication and wish you the very best of luck to

Holly Stannard is our Natural Heritage Co-ordinator. Holly has been involved in many restoration projects in the Auckland region and last year completed her study of horticulture at Manukau Institute of Technology, specialising in native plants.

If you have some free time in the next few months, why not join Holly and the other volunteers planting trees in the Eskdale Reserve?

Rosie Hutchinson is the Environmental Education Coordinator. She has an Environmental Science Degree and Teaching Degree, has been a primary teacher and outdoor environmental educator for several years.

Rosie is currently developing new programmes for local schools and kindergartens and the opportunity to share her experience and knowledge with children and establish links between education at Kaipatiki and the local community.

Lisa Ridehalgh has joined the Kaipatiki Project as the Marketing Assistant. Lisa has been at Kaipatiki as a volunteer working on the newsletter and will now work with the team on promotion and marketing for website, newsletter, press releases.

What's on at Kaipatiki?

FOR ALL BOOKINGS AND ENQUIRIES

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Nursery Enquiries and Planting advice:
restoration@kaipatiki.org.nz

Education courses:
education@kaipatiki.org.nz

www.kaipatiki.org.nz

Create Your Own Eden

Learn how to recycle kitchen and garden waste into compost, the worm farm or the bokashi bin.
Free to North Shore residents.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Looking ahead to the Spring School Holidays....

Education at Kaipatiki is looking forward to our specialist school holiday programme.

We are fortunate to have Megan Beard of North Shore City Council to help us catch and investigate stream bugs on Weds 1st and Weds 8th October.

Watch for further details about that and a visiting Frog expert too on the website

Kaipatiki Night-Tour

Take a walk on the wild side this winter school holidays and come along for an exhilarating Night-tour of the bush.

Discover: glow worms, eels, spiders, wetas and anything else we can find.

Tuesday 8th July
Tuesday 15th July
6.30pm—7.30pm

Torch, warm clothing, good footwear essential.

ANNUAL KAIPATIKI NURSERY PLANT SALE

(eco- sourced North Shore plants)
Saturday 9th August at Kaipatiki Project

Smart Shopping Course

16th August

(times to be arranged)

Contact the Kaipatiki Project for more information

COMMUNITY PLANTING DAYS ESKDALE RESERVE



supporting community participation
in the restoration of the Eskdale reserve network
67ha of Kereru habitat

DATES 2008 -

7th June - Cnr Domain Rd & Glenfield Rd
(Arbor week)

12th July - Cnr Domain Rd & Glenfield Rd
(Matariki- environmental observation)

9th August - Behind the centre 17 Lauderdale Rd in the reserve
Annual Kaipatiki Nursery Plant Sale
ecosourced north shore plants

13th September - Glenfield Rd
Conservation week- Kereru habitat

All Saturdays 9.30 to 12 come when you can. Bring a spade if you have one

For more info contact -Holly (09) 482 1172, restoration@kaipatiki.org