

Our Native Biodiversity workshop series looks at our unique NZ native wildlife and how you can be part of improving local habitats for them...

Single workshops take one and a half hours; The cost is \$15pp (per workshop). Minimum numbers required to run a workshop. Bookings for groups can be made by arrangement. Please note: a 25% discount applies for community service card holders.

Growing natives from seeds or cuttings

This course teaches you how easy it is to grow a range of native plants for little or no cost. You will learn simple techniques for different plants that you need to know to be successful, & if you grow more than you need native trees make great gifts and you can sell them easily. You will get some free cuttings that you gather and prepare yourself as well as seeds and info sheets.

Attracting native birds to your garden

Learn what to plant to attract native birds to your garden there is a mix of both natives and exotic plants that you can use. You will also learn how to set up a feeding station to attract them so different types of birds will revisit your garden year round. Free info sheets included and Bird Identification booklet available for \$2.

How to recognise and remove pest plants

There are a lot of plants that if unchecked can invade native bush areas quickly. In this course we will learn about the 12 worst culprits and a number of different ways you can control them. We will work together to clear an area of bush from pest plants and have real samples of others so you can recognise them easily in the wild. You will get a free information booklet.

How to recognise and remove pest animals

Become a 'pest buster' and learn how to catch rats, mice, possums, rabbits, hares and magpies all which threaten our native wild life. There is even a demand for possum fur so you have potential to make some cash from the ones you catch. Our tutor has a wealth of knowledge and experience to share.

Design and plant a native garden or shelter belt.

You will learn how to prepare the ground for native trees and shrubs, how to plant them and then how to care and maintain them. This is a practical course, you will learn by doing and you will also learn about how to space different species. Then we will help you make a design and species plan for you own land.

Adopt a stream

This is a practical course where you will plant and care for plants that are most suitable for streamside planting. You will learn the creatures that should be living in Southland streams if they are healthy and what lives there if the stream is not. You will also learn to test the water in the stream to find out the quality of the water. Free info sheets.

Wonderful wetlands

In this practical course you will visit a Southland wetland reserve and learn about why wetlands are so important. You will learn to recognise the plants that grow there and you will help care for the ecosystem. You will also learn how to find and restore one in your area and how to protect it in the future.

Beach Clean up

This is a practical course where we learn how to care for your local beach. We will go on a hunt for the things that don't belong there and you will learn how important it is for us for the wildlife to keep plastic, glass, ropes etc out of the coastal environment. You will be taught how to handle glass & other items safely & then how to dispose of them. You can then adopt your own section of beach where like to visit and keep it clean.

Sustainable Harvesting... from forest, shore and other wild spaces:

In this course you will learn to recognise and find the edible wild foods in Southland; when it can be collected and how to prepare it. You will learn what is poisonous and other important considerations for you to make when you gather food from the wild. You will also learn the official & traditional methods to ensure the enhancement & continuing supply of these wild resources.

Seed Balls for Native restoration projects

This is a nifty and fun way to get native seeds out there especially in hard to get to gullies and under long standing gorse and broom. Using compost, clay and water you blend the seeds into 'seed balls' which can then be thrown quite large distances. They are protected until they sprout naturally when conditions are right. This is a fun practical workshop and you get to take the seed balls you make home. Suitable for all ages!

ABOUT OUR TUTORS:

All of our tutors have spent many years working to enhance our Native Biodiversity.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Native Biodiversity

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone number: _____

I am interested in attending the following the workshops (***please tick***)

- Beach clean up
- Wonderful wetlands
- Adopt a stream
- Design & plant native areas
- Pest animal control
- Pest plant control
- Attracting native birds
- Growing natives from scratch
- Sustainable harvesting
- Seed Balls

Once we get 4-5 people interested in the same course/courses we will contact them to arrange a suitable date, time & location; advertise the course, then registrations will be finalised.

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