

PROPOGATING



QUICK NOTES ON PROPAGATING (AND SEED SAVING)

A lot from a little - that's what propagating's all about, It's too easy to do and once you've succeeded with one plant, you'll be on your way to re-greening the world.

Natives:

Some native trees can be propagated with cuttings, others must be done using their seed. Kowhai and kakabeak grow easily from seed and from cuttings, Hebe are simple from both. Pittosporums can only be propagated from seed, but they are too easy. Cabbage trees - seed, flax (harakeke) though, grows easily from seed but is usually multiplied by division! Broadleaf suits both cuttings and seed, though cuttings is easier if you want a hedge-load of broadleaf. Beech, seed. The big podocarps (rimu etc.) - seed. Native grasses (toitoi) seed and division. The lesathery-leafed coastal shrubs have fluffy seeds and are a bit tricky, so take cuttings.

Berries:

These are the simplest of all. Blackcurrants, red and white all grow readily from cuttings poked in anything. Gooseberries are the same. Worsterberries too. Blackberries (Tay, Boysen etc.) are easily multiplied by layering - pinning a cane down into the soil and letting it root while still attached to it's parent. Blueberries are tricky (for me) I divide the bush after 3 years. Raspberries do it all themselves. Lift and divide

Fruit trees:

Graft for apples. Stone fruits grow easily from ...stones! Pits too. Push those into potting-mix soil as soon as you've eaten the fruit. Wait variously months or years. Oranges are interesting. Try them from seed and build an orangery. Lemons too but expect small fruits and thorns. Avocado are easy. Plums, stones should do it but your variety will be mixed.

Herbs:

Different herbs require different approaches. For annuals, seeds! For perennials, divide and multiply. Cuttings work for the woody herbs. Poke into sand and leave out doors.

Other things - there are lots. We will discuss ☺