

The Fruity Gardener

2017-18 Catalogue

fruit trees - rare and unusual subtropicals

shelter trees - natives

Nursery @ The Okato Cheese Factory

1729 South rd, Tataraimaka

Open Saturdays 9am — 4pm

Or by arrangement

I have a unique range of fruit trees to suit the Taranaki climate. I propagate from local varieties, and am always on the look out for rare or heritage fruit trees.

Subtropicals are best planted in spring and summer. Most subtropicals are tender plants but they grow well in sheltered spots such as near buildings, In a sheltered backyard, or in an orchard if there is protection from wind and frost. If you have queries about any plants, please feel free to ask me.

I will donate trees community projects. Examples of community projects are community orchards, roadsides, walkways, public spaces, marae, and more. This is an ongoing project for me to propagate and plant 1000 free fruit trees for the Taranaki community. Please get in touch for your community project.

My trees come in all different sizes and prices. I have included the average size and price. The 'pb' number refers to the pot size. Not all plants are in stock at all times. Many other plants not listed are also available.

The nursery is now operating from the old cheese factory at 1729 south Rd, Tataraimaka. I will be open every Saturday from 9am – 4pm or you make an appointment to visit anytime. To make an order or enquiry, call Aden on 0221890104 or send an email with the list of plants you wish to purchase to thefruitygardener@gmail.com.

Fruit Trees & Shrubs

Babaco

pb6.5 \$18

Rapid upward growth. Massive freaky looking leaves and large fruit, turning yellow when ripe. Frost and wind tender. Fruits 1st year. To 3m.

Banana

pb5 \$18

Bananas are surprisingly easy to grow and look great. What they need is a hot sheltered spot with rich soil, mulch and water over summer. I have edible varieties Misi Luki, Mons Mari & Hamoa. Also the huge leaved ornamental Abyssinian banana.

Boysenberry, Thornless

pb3 \$15

No thorns! This is a trailing berry and requires a structure to climb on. Delicious large berries ripen in January.

Blueberry

pb3 \$15

Blueberries are super tasty and good for you. Use acidic fertiliser and keep mulched and watered over summer. Different varieties available. Requires netting from birds. To 1.5m

Camelia sinensis

pb3 \$12

Tea bush. A small attractive vibrant green shrub with white flowers over summer. The tips are harvested to make green and black tea.

Cape Gooseberry

pb3 \$8

Rambling, easy to grow plant. Sweet golden fruits sit inside paper-like shells. Fruits 1st year.

Casana

pb6.5 \$20

Similar to tamarillo. Needs protection from wind and frost. Fruits 2nd year. Fruit is long, skinny, yellow and delicious. Less acidic tasting than tamarillos. To 2m.

Citrus

Citrus grows very well in Taranaki. My trees are large and healthy. The success of citrus depends a lot on the quality of the nurseries trees. Different citrus has different hardiness. Meyer Lemons, Lemonades and Mandarins are hardy while Limes and Oranges require more heat and attention.

Lemon, Meyer

pb3 \$8 pb6.5 \$15

Cutting grown. The most popular, smooth-skinned lemon. Easy to grow in a warm, sheltered spot. Compact, productive tree. To 2m.

Lemon, Meyer

pb12 \$25

Grafted. The most popular, smooth-skinned lemon. Easy to grow in a warm, sheltered spot. Compact, productive tree. Grafted trees have higher quality fruit.

Lemonade

pb12 \$25

Fast growing and bears quite heavily when young. Bears July to August. Fresh tangy flavour, fruit has pale yellow rind and relatively easy to peel.

Lime, Bearrs

pb12 \$25

The most productive of limes. Limes ripen from green to yellow over winter and spring. Needs a hot spot and shelter from cold wind.

Mandarin, Miho

pb12 \$25

Early fruiting and easy peeling. High sugar levels in fruit. Very popular variety.

Mandarin, Okitsu

pb12 \$25

A Satsuma strain variety fruiting very easily. Easy peeling with no pips. Requires a warm situation. Fruits very early. Fruit round in shape.

Orange, Leu gim gong

pb12 \$25

Recommended variety by Abbey Jury for growing in Taranaki. Sweet and juicy.

Orange, Carters navel

pb12 \$25

A sweet and juicy seedless variety of excellent flavour. Remaining juicy for 2-3 months if left on the tree. Ripens in August.

Orange, Fukimoto

pb12 \$25

Navel orange with sweet juicy fruit and brighter colour than other oranges.

Cherimoya, Perla

pb12 \$30

Large, glossy tropical leaves. Fast growing. Frost & winter tender. Fruit are large and incredibly sweet and delicious. Grafted trees. To 3m.

Elderberry

pb5 \$15

Frost tolerant, hardy, deciduous shrub. Pretty flowers in spring followed by clusters of purple berries. Medicinal. Easy to grow. Fruits 2nd year. To 3m.

Feijoa

pb5 \$15

Feijoas are easy to grow, compact and hardy. Different varieties available. Unique, Gemni, Appolo, Triumph. Fruits 2nd year. To 3m but can be kept smaller.

Feijoa sellowiana

pb3 \$8

Seedling grown feijoas. Fruiting is unreliable but they will eventually produce. Ideal for hedging and filling gaps.

Fig

pb5 \$15

Hardy trees that grow well in poor soil. Good choice for a container as restricting the roots encourages fruit production. Grows up to 4m. I have varieties; Brown Turkey, French Sugar, Kaipara Black, and more!

Grape

pb5 \$15

Tasty, sweet table grapes. Grow up a wall, trellis, etc. Fruits 2nd year. My selected varieties for disease resistance and flavour are; Albany Surprise, Buffalo, Niagara.

Guava, Red

pb5 \$15

Hardy small tree with plentiful small red tasty fruits over winter. Easy to grow. Fruits 3rd year. Different sizes available. To 3m.

Guava, Yellow

pb5 \$15

Similar to red guava but larger sweeter fruit. Does require warmer conditions than red. Still easy to grow. To 4m.

Hardy Kiwi

pb5 \$12

Kiwifruit with small sweet entirely edible green fruit which ripen February / March. Needs a structure to climb on and heavy pruning every winter. Very productive. A male plant required to pollinate female plants.

Hazelnut, Whiteheart

pb6.5 \$15

This is the top producing variety of hazelnut in NZ. Deciduous tree to 5m will produce huge amounts of nuts if pollinated correctly. I also sell a limited range of pollinator varieties.

Inga Bean (Ice-cream bean)

pb8 \$15

Fast growing tree with large, sweet, edible pods. Candy-floss like pulp tastes like vanilla ice-cream. Nitrogen fixer. Frost tender. To 5m.

Japanese Quince

pb3 \$10

Small thorny shrub suitable for hedging or as a specimen tree. Rich red flowers in spring followed by small yellow quince like fruit which are used for cooking and preserves. Cold and wind hardy, grows to 2m.

Loquat, Mogi

pb8 \$25

Attractive, hardy, spreading tree. Juicy, yellow fruit ripen in early summer before anything else does. These are grafted trees so will fruit within 3 years. To 4m.

Loquat, Seedling

pb6.5 \$12

Seedlings grow well but fruiting is unpredictable. Likely to produce fruit within 6 years.

Monstera deliciosa

pb5 \$15

Fruit salad plant. Grows as a rambling vine, with huge tropical leaves. Grows in a range of conditions but likes shade and frost free conditions. Fruit is edible, but mainly is an ornamental plant.

Mt Pawpaw

pb6.5 \$15

The hardiest of all pawpaw/papayas. Huge leaves, grows straight up like a pole. Fruit hangs against the trunk and ripen all times of the year. Not particularly tasty but still an awesome tree. To 4m.

Naranjilla

pb6.5 \$20

Very ornamental tropical looking shrub with large purple leaves, and yellow acidic fruit used in drinks. Frost and wind sensitive. Likes semi shade. To 2m.

NZ Cranberry / Chilean Guava

pb3 \$10

Compact bush. Very versatile, grows in many situations. Good edible hedge with masses of sweet red berries. Birds leave the berries alone so no covering required. Fruits 2nd year. 1m.

Passionfruit, Black

pb5 \$12

The most popular passionfruit. Fast growing vine, frost sensitive, fruits 2nd year.

Passionfruit, Vanilla

pb5 \$15

Lower growing passionfruit, frost sensitive. Stunning red flowers. Looks a bit like banana passionfruit but it isn't, I promise. Fruits in 2-3 years.

Passionflower, White

pb5 \$12

Vigorous vine with beautiful white flowers followed by small edible fruit. Mainly grown as an ornamental.

Peach, Blackboy / White

pb5 \$15

Frost tolerant, fast growing tree. Seedling grown from local heritage varieties. Old varieties are full of flavour and disease resistant. Fruits within 3 years. To 4m.

Pepino, Yellow

pb3 \$10

Rambling ground cover. Very productive, fruits from early summer until winter. Fruit flavour resembles rockmelon. Frost tender. Fruits 1st year. A must have in any garden.

Pepino, Purple

pb3 \$10

Purple leaves and fruits. Not as vigorous or as productive as the yellow pepino but great as a fruiting ornamental.

Pine Nut

pb3 \$12

Italian stone pine. Trees grow slowly to form an attractive umbrella shaped pine tree. Nuts start appearing at around 10 years so be patient. To 10m (eventually).

Pineapple, Red

pb5 \$18

Plant in a hot spot. Perfect up against a wall in full sun or in a container. Very spiky attractive leaves and beautiful bright red fruit. Tasty! Fruits 3rd year. 1m.

Pomegranate

pb5 \$18

Small, spiky shrub. Needs a hot spot to ripen the delicious fruit. To 1.5m.

Rainbow Valley Pawpaw

pb6.5 \$18

Same as for Babaco, but fruit is sweeter tasting. Rapid upward growth. Massive freaky looking leaves and yellow fruit. Frost and wind tender. One of my favourite subtropicals. Fruits 1st year. To 3m.

Raspberry, Waiau

pb3 \$12

A good home garden variety. Fruits in summer and in autumn. Berries are large and sweet.

Sugarcane

pb3 \$10

Tall grass with juicy, sweet stems. Will grow in sun, shade or wind although needs good amounts of water and a warm, frost free spot. To 2m.

Tamarillo Red / Yellow

pb3 \$10

Grows quickly and fruits well in a spot that is protected from wind and frost. Yellow is mildest and sweetest. Red is the most tart with lots of flavour. Can be eaten fresh or cooked in a variety of ways. Fruits 2nd year. Grows to 2m.

Tropical Apricot

pb5 \$20

Amazing subtropical tree. Grows fast and bushy, and produces lots of med sized red fruits. Fruit is full of flavour, very sour but delicious. Can be eaten fresh, made into preserves or used in cooking. Frost tender. Grows to 3m

Shelter Trees

I sell mostly New Zealand native shelter trees. We are lucky to have many native plants that grow to a manageable height, stand up to strong winds and provide great habitat for birds and bees. These trees below include my favorite choices for shelter as well as other NZ natives. I recommend planting a variety of species in a shelter belt and it is good to include some nitrogen fixing trees to help support the others. Also fruiting plants can be included too!

Cabbage Tree

pb5 \$12

Cordyline australis. Iconic NZ native. Easy to grow in exposed windy locations.

Coprosma robusta

pb3 \$6

Karamu. Fast and easy to grow. Clumps of red berries for the birds. Grows to 4m.

Corokia cotoneaster

pb3 \$6

Korokio. Hardy coastal bush with small leaves and wiry growth. Can be easily clipped/pruned to any height up to 2m.

Corokia geentys ghost

pb3 \$6

A nice compact corokia variety. Good for hedging. Can be easily clipped/pruned to any height up to 2m.

Dodonea viscosa

pb3 \$6

Ake ake. Attractive coastal tree, narrow leathery green leaves. To 5m.

Dodonea viscosa purpurea

pb3 \$6

Purple Ake ake. Attractive coastal tree, narrow leathery purple leaves. To 5m.

Feijoa sellowiana

pb3 \$7

Hedging feijoas. 2/3 of plants will produce fruit within 4 years. Feijoas are wind hardy and can be pruned to make a low hedge.

Flax

pb3 \$10

Phormium. I have different varieties of coloured flaxes for sale. These hardy plants are smaller varieties and give colour to any garden.

Grisilinea broadway mint

pb3 \$6

Kapuka / Broadleaf. Very hardy and fairly quick to establish. Attractive, shiny leaves. My mum's favourite. To 4m.

Grisilinea lucida

pb3 \$6

Puka. Large leaved grisilinea, hardy and attractive. Good as shelter or as a specimen tree. To 5m.

Hebe

pb3 \$6

A selection of hebes will be available of different colours and various sizes.

Hedycarya arborea

pb3 \$6

Pigeonwood. Pretty white flowers for the bees in spring, orange berries for the birds in summer. Tall, attractive tree. To 7m.

Hen & Chicken Fern

pb5 \$12

Hen & Chicken fern produces Pikopiko, edible young fronds which can be used like asparagus. Restaurants are starting to use this interesting native vegetable. Needs shade to grow.

Houheria populnea

pb3 \$6

Hoheria / Lacebark, large leaved variety. Very fast growing hardy native tree to 7m. Has fragrant white flowers.

Kakabeak

pb3 \$6

Not a shelter tree but is an attractive native shrub similar to the Kowhai tree, it has soft green foliage and bright red flowers in spring. Apparently the bean pods can be eaten, which I probably shouldn't encourage you to do. Nitrogen fixing. To 1.5m.

Kowhai dragons gold

pb3 \$6

A dwarf ornamental Kowhai. Has the usual show of yellow flowers in winter. Rather pretty. To 2m.

Kowhai tetraptera

pb3 \$6

Kowhai. This is a medium sized variety. Yellow flowers in winter loved by Tui. To 6m.

Ngaio

pb3 \$6

Very fast growing coastal native tree. Wind and salt spray tolerant. Will tolerate wet soil. Poisonous to stock. To 3m

Oleria paniculata / Albida

pb3 \$6

Akiraho / Golden Ake ake. Fast growing, tough as. My favourite shelter trees. Sweet-smelling clusters of flowers in Autumn. Oleria paniculata grows To 5m and albida to 7m.

Pittisporum crassifolium

pb3 \$6

Karo. Extremely wind tolerant coastal tree. Pink flowers attract lots of bees in early spring. Grows to 5m.

Pittisporum eugenoides

pb3 \$6

Tarata / Lemonwood. Very hardy tree which provides excellent shelter where taller shelter is needed. Grows to 8m.

Pittisporum tenuifolium

pb3 \$6

Hardy native pittisporum which is smaller than Tatara and is more suitable for clipping and pruning. Grows to 6m.

Puriri

pb3 \$8

Once very common in Taranaki the Puriri is a mighty tree with shiny tropical leaves and pink berries loved by Kereru. Wind hardy and reasonably fast to grow. Grows into a big spreading tree (up to 20m).

Tagasaste

Seedling \$2

You cant go wrong with Tagasate. Plant for fast shelter or as a nurse crop for establishing slower trees. Flowers at the end of winter. Provides food for a variety of wildlife (Kereru love eating the leaves) and is great for the soil. Very quick growing. Nitrogen fixing. To 5m.

Italian Alder

pb3 \$8

Deciduous nitrogen fixing tree. Good to include in taller shelter belts. Also because of its deep roots it can be grown in pasture and orchards with minimal competition. To 8m.

Herbs & Flowers

A range of Herbs & Flower seedlings will be for sale and some of the seedlings will change over the season. Herbs and flowers are a key part of the orchard. They bring bees and beneficial insects to help pollination and to help manage any pests and diseases. Creating a ground cover of herbs and flowers is an effective way to maintain growth underneath your fruit trees which also benefits the trees and looks great too.

Aloe Vera

pb2 \$5

Aloe vera has many amazing medicinal uses but the gel from the leaves is commonly used on burns and skin wounds. Grow inside away from direct sunlight.

Arrowroot

pb3 \$8

'Canna edulis'. This is a tall canna lilly with large edible tubers. Very attractive. Likes partial shade and protection from wind.

Comfrey

\$2 each

Feeds your soil! A must for any orchard. Can do bulk quantities.

Ginger

pb3 \$8

I have many different edible and ornamental gingers. 'Myoga ginger' grows well outside and has edible flowers. 'Chinese ginger' is good for hothouses and has edible roots like the store bought but nicer. Also 'Galangal', and Red ornamental ginger.

Lemon Verbena

pb3 \$12

Deciduous shrub with lemon flavoured and scented leaves. Makes a tasty tea. Grows to 1.5m.

Lemongrass

pb3 \$12

The true lemongrass. Grows as a bushy grass. Loves heat and water. Use in recipes or as a tea.

NZ Spinach

pb2 \$3

Edible native spinach. Perennial rambling ground cover and grows well in many different conditions.

Pineapple Sage

pb2 \$5

Shrub with pineapple scented leaves and pink flowers, which bloom when little else does keeping the bees happy. To 1m.

Rhubarb, Cherry red

pb3 \$6

A must for any garden. Rhubarb loves organic matter so feed the soil before you plant. Rhubarb can be harvested all year round. This variety has bright red stalks.

Rosemary, prostrate

pb3 \$6

Trailing rosemary, grows well cascading over walls and banks. As good as regular rosemary for cooking. Attracts bees.

Strawberry, Camarosa

pb2 \$3.50

One of the top commercial varieties, produces big sweet strawberries. Needs netting from birds. Plants last around 3 years before needing replacement.

Strawberry, White alpine

pb2 \$4

White alpine strawberries are small, white and delicious. Fruits nearly all year round. Plant do not run or spread. Doesn't need protection from birds.

Taro

pb3 \$8

Large tropical leaves, edible leaves tubers. Apparently makes you strong. Easy to grow if in a warm spot. I have the Japanese and Samoan varieties.

Turmeric

pb3 \$8

A kind of ginger. Ideally to be grown in a hothouse and will produce lots of bright orange tubers for cooking with. Dies down over winter.

Wormwood

pb3 \$8

Shrub with soft silver leaves. Apparently has some medicinal purposes and I'm not surprised, it has a very unusual fragrance. To 1.5m.

Yacon

pb2 \$5

'ground apple'. South american tuber plant produces huge oval tubers which are crunchy and slightly sweet. Easy to grow in many situations. Harvest in winter when dormant.

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