

The golden rule should be: Plant natives reared from locally collected seed only or transplanted from local sources. This means that if a species does not grow locally, it can not be planted. How local is "local"? Preferably from the same patch of bush (or grassland, scrub, etc.) or the same valley. Personally I would be worried if the source of plants was more than 3 miles away.

Clearly, what I have written poses problems. Here are some suggested solutions:

Need to Record Plantings

- If people have made the kinds of plantings described above, it would be valuable to record them. Perhaps those records could be included in FOREST AND BIRD or the information could be sent to me at the above address. We need the place and time of planting and a list of species with their source (locality if known; otherwise dealer or nursery). Some projects

will have been too large for detailed lists, and if so, a general statement defining the locality and the extent of planting will still be valuable.

- In future I hope that the authorities concerned will be very strict about planting in reserves and national parks and that readers of this article will make it their business to discourage "illegitimate" plantings in other areas of native vegetation.
- There remain Conservation Weeks and Arbor Days, when thousands of trees are planted, drawn from a multitude of sources. I can only ask for your assistance in keeping plantings away from remnants of our native vegetation.
- Finally may I suggest that readers discuss these matters, and particularly the meaning of the first four words of my title — "in their natural state" — which are taken from the aims and objects of the Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society.

APPEAL FOR BEQUESTS

Is there any cause more worthy of bequests by public-spirited citizens than the objectives of the Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society, which is working wholly and solely for the welfare of New Zealand, present and future? Here is a suggested form of bequest:

"I give and bequeath the sum of to the Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand (Incorporated) and I declare that the receipt of the Secretary for the time being of the said Society shall be a complete discharge to my executors of the legacy hereby given to such Society."

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