

All trees suck up some carbon. But we want to plant trees that count – for climate change, for biodiversity, for restoring and enhancing our natural environment. Native trees. Let's plant more for an altogether greener Aotearoa.

OUR
**MAJESTIC
NATIVE TREES**
IMPROVE our ENVIRONMENT



COMPETITION:

Make space for nature

New Zealand's ecosystems used to be able to handle a lot, but all the changes we have made to the landscape over time – like burning and felling forests, draining wetlands, and building on the coast – have really damaged them. Now, even the small differences in what's happening can have a great big effect on our plants and animals.

Giving back physical space, or room, to nature will help ecosystems grow strong and adaptable again. They will be better able to help themselves get through this crisis – and to help us too!

Our friends at **Trees That Count | Te Rahi o Tāne** have a great goal that fits. For 2018, they want to see millions more native trees planted in New Zealand, for climate change and for biodiversity.

Can you plan to plant up to 500 of them?

What you need to do:

- Come up with a planting project for takurua (winter) 2018.
- Tell us all about your idea, where you'll plant, and who will be involved.

What we'll do:

- Trees That Count and KCC will look at your mahi (work) and will choose a group (or groups) to be gifted native trees for their project.

Criteria:

- Your project needs to be something you can definitely do. Find your land, and get permission to use it first up. Factor in all the site preparation needed too before you send in your entry.
- Groups who can plant larger numbers of trees (50+) will be in a better position. That's because planting on a bigger scale helps trees do better. It reduces something called "edge effects". Larger groups of trees also act as more of a "carbon sink" – that is, they can work together to absorb and store more CO₂.
- You need to follow the *Planting Guidelines* on the Trees That Count website (treesthatcount.co.nz/resources).
- We are looking out for your "future-proofing" too. Floods, pests (like weeds, rabbits, or possums), and extreme weather events (like storms) can affect newly planted trees, and also well grown trees. How will you stop these sorts of things hurting your project in the years to come?

Enter at
www.treesthatcount.co.nz/kcc
by 28 February 2018.



In the meantime...

Help grow the count. Record any trees you may have planted this year at grow.treesthatcount.co.nz/getinvolved.

BY COUNTING THE TREES WE ALL PLANT, WE CAN MEASURE OUR COLLECTIVE IMPACT ON CLIMATE CHANGE