



Wairarapa Farm Forestry Association

Keen to plant trees? Looking for alternative species to radiata pine?

Alternative species for eastern hill country and riparian plantings

**Rewanui Forest Park
Thursday 22 November 2012
12.30-4.00pm**

Many landowners are looking to plant more trees, recognising the many potential benefits: timber, shelter and shade, riparian buffers, wildlife habitat, and a more pleasant working and living environment. Alternative species to radiata pine can provide all of these benefits, as well as timber with potentially much higher value.

Rewanui Forest Park is home to a range of alternative species trials – both exotic and native species – which have been regularly monitored since they were planted in 2006-2007. The trials are now starting to show some clear winners and losers on this typical Wairarapa hill farm. This field day provides the opportunity to compare a range of alternative species in one place.

Join us for a fact-filled tour of the trial areas, with input from experts on growing and marketing the main species on view – cypresses, eucalypts, redwoods, other less well-known exotics and some 15 native species. Also hear the latest on Greater Wellington's expanding land management programmes and incentives.



Directions: Rewanui Forest Park is on the Masterton-Castlepoint Road, 23 km from Masterton, just before the Riversdale turn-off. Look for the field day signs.

RSVP: Please RSVP to Hilton Dickens by November 20th
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- 12.30 pm: Meet at Rewanui woolshed (tea/coffee/handouts etc)
- 12.50 pm: **Introduction to Rewanui** - *Ian Campbell, Montfort Trimble Foundation*
- 1.00 pm: Head out to trials
- 1.45 pm: **Ground-durable eucalypts**
Species on trial at Rewanui and their performance to date.
The exciting market potential for ground durable eucalypts in vineyards and on organic properties.
- 2.15 pm: **Cypresses and other exotic conifers**
Alternatives to macrocarpa (now a high-risk species in the Wairarapa due to canker). Pruning strategies for cypresses. Market opportunities. Performance of different cypress species in eastern hill country.
- 2.45 pm: **Redwoods**
Choice of planting stock - clones vs seedlings, and a comparison between different clones planted at Rewanui. Redwood markets in the future.
- 3.00 pm **Wellington Region Land Management activities** – *Scott Andrew, Greater Wellington Regional Council*
Wairarapa landowners can benefit from Regional Council assistance with soil and water conservation plans, erosion control plantings, and the new Land Environmental Plans. Hear an update on incentives and assistance available for land management in Greater Wellington Region.
- 3.15 pm: **Native species**
A tour of the native trials plus discussion of their potential for eastern hill country and riparian plantings and our latest monitoring results.
- 4.00-4.30 pm: Return to woolshed and depart

For more information about Rewanui Forest Park, visit www.trimblefoundation.org.nz/

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