

# Helpful Trees and Plants

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## ***Pūriri***

This tree grows about 20 metres tall. It has bright red berries that are eaten mostly by native birds like kererū, kōkako, and tūī.



## ***Koromiko***

The koromiko is a small shrub with tiny flowers that grow in bunches. The flowers smell sweet to attract butterflies and bees.



## ***Harakeke***

Harakeke is also known as flax and has many important uses. As well as being a medicine, it is used for such things as clothing, mats, kete, ropes, and nets.

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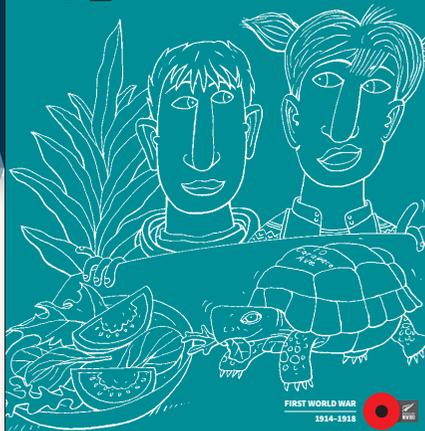


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