

There is increasing enthusiasm for using native plants in gardens throughout New Zealand. This book is aimed at helping gardeners and landscaping professionals to select and care for native ground cover plants in order to create low-maintenance, attractive and sustainable gardens.

The authors show how a carefully considered use of New Zealand native plants as ground cover can reduce maintenance in gardens of all sizes while creating an aesthetically pleasing environment. They suggest suitable ground cover plants, based not only on the species but also on the continuing development of the range of hybrids and cultivars that are now available to gardeners. Accompanied by more than 100 colour photographs, these suggestions will help with your plant selection.

The book covers other important topics to consider when using native ground cover plants, such as:

- what is a ground cover plant?
- designing your garden
- propagating New Zealand native ground cover plants
- ground preparation – weeds, cultivation and herbicides.

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