

# Planting Trees for Wildlife

AUCKLAND/WAIKATO

## LARGE COVER TREES

### Introduction

The value of planting trees to enhance wildlife habitat has long been recognized by the Auckland/Waikato Fish & Game Council. This pamphlet describes some of the preferred trees which have proved to be excellent in the past.

### Site preparation and care of plants

There are many easy things you can do to give your trees a head start:

1. Put good topsoil around roots
2. Exclude stock with adequate fencing
3. Water well especially initially
4. Fertilizer desirable (also mulch/rotted hay)
5. Staking referable if exposed
6. Control weeds in early years
7. Pest control by traps or poison (esp. possum & rabbits)

For a small investment of time and money the rewards can be tremendous.

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### Silver Maple *Acer saccharinum*

<b>Height:</b>	20 x 4m (up to 35m)
<b>Description:</b>	Large maple Leaves silvery underneath Deciduous Fast growing
<b>Soil Types:</b>	Fertile Well drained
<b>Fruit:</b>	Twisted, winged seeds
<b>Timing of fruit:</b>	February - March 10 - 15 years to fruit
<b>Benefits to Wildlife:</b>	Food for ducks and pheasants



### Cornelian Cherry *Cornus mas*

<b>Height:</b>	6 x 5m
<b>Description:</b>	Hardy shrub Good fruit producer
<b>Soil Types:</b>	Fertile Moist
<b>Fruit:</b>	Red berries up to 20cm
<b>Timing of fruit:</b>	February - May 10 years to fruit
<b>Benefits to Wildlife:</b>	Food for ducks, pheasants and other birds



### American Sweetgum

*Liquidambar styraciflua*

<b>Height:</b>	20 x 3m
<b>Description:</b>	Fruit hangs on tree in winter Deciduous
<b>Soil Types:</b>	Moist Fertile
<b>Fruit:</b>	20mm
<b>Timing of fruit:</b>	March - August 10 - 15 years to fruit
<b>Benefits to Wildlife:</b>	Cover for ducks, some food value for birds



