

Kotare Subtropicals Nursery - Catalogue

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Plant supply available from October 2023.

All prices subject to update up until the time an order is confirmed by payment prior to collection or delivery.

All prices are exclusive of GST and freight. Please contact us for a quote including GST and freight.
Orders of 100 plants or more will receive a 25% discount.

We stock a wide range of edible and ornamental bananas as well as other subtropical plants.
There are limited supplies of Hondurian hybrids due to their popularity as a commercial variety. Please contact us if you want to place a back order.

Bananas are gross feeders during the growing season and generally require the following:

- Frost free – hardier once established and some types can withstand a limited number of frosts
- Warm sunny position with good drainage is best
- Sheltered from the wind
- Slopes of 15 degrees or less to enable safe harvesting. Greater slopes can be terraced.

Plants considered suitable for planting into greenhouse: Dwarf Cavendish, Grande naine, Rajapuri and the Cavendish subtype known as "Double" or "Mahoi".

All other stock is recommended for planting outside from November until February, except in frost free areas where planting can safely be achieved in other months.

Banana grades measured from base of pot to top leaf tip

Small up to 0.5m in height in 17 cm pots

Medium 0.5 – 1.0m height in 23 cm pots (Pb 6.5)

Large 1.0m – 1.5m height in 28cm pots Pb 8.0)

Extra Large 1.5m height or greater (Pb 12).

Specimen potted banana up to 2.5m (price on application)

Stems are bare rooted plants and available now (price on application)

Banana Bunch Covers	Thickness (um)	Price ex. GST
Highly recommended banana flower/fruit cover. With UV protection, blue/silver. Prices exclude GST and freight	100	\$7.50

Subtropical Fruit Plants	Description: A mix of plant varieties with potential for fruit production in New Zealand	Grade	No. In stock	Price
Soursop "Arusha" (Annona muricata)	Annona muricata, the soursop originally from West Indies and Central America, is a flowering evergreen tree now grown throughout the tropics. In New Zealand it is recommended for indoor cultivation in covered structures. The fruit are green, often weigh 2-4kg and covered in tiny soft short spines. The flesh is not sour, but juicy and tangy. The texture is fibrous like that of cotton wool and can be eaten fresh or sieved to make a drink or puree to make a cream.	Small	14	\$55.00
Rollinia (Annona reticulata), also known as Rollinia deliciosa	A small, well-branched tree (in tropical climates) or shrub that bears edible fruits also called sugar-apples or sweetsops. It is in the same family as Cherimoya which are proven to grow and fruit well in warmer areas of NZ.	Small	0	\$75.00
		Medium	0	\$95.00
		Large	0	\$115.00
Jackfruit (Artocarpus heterophyllus) Australia sourced	Tree grows up to 20m in its native environment in Asia. Fruits arise from the trunk and older branches. The largest of all known fruit, reaching 90cm in length, 150 to 500 seeds per fruit. The pulp surrounding the seeds is smells and tastes of bubble gum. Ideally grown in warm frost free locations or greenhouse. Bears fruit after 3 - 8 year, year round with the main crop in summer.	Small	0	\$100.00
		Medium	0	\$125.00
		Large	1	\$150.00
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		Medium	0	\$125.00
		Large	0	\$150.00
American Pawpaw (Asimina triloba)	Small to medium-sized deciduous tree. Full sun to part shade. Seedling grows should start fruiting in 4-6 years. Native to the eastern United States and Canada, producing green fruit which matures to faint yellow-brown when ripe.	Small	12	\$75.00
		Medium	4	\$100.00
Starfruit (Averrhoa carambola)	Native to SE Asia, 5-12m in height, pink flowers with fleshy berry fruit. The fruit is acutely 5 angled and star shaped in cross-section. It is yellow when ripe and has 10 - 12 ovoid seeds. The trees cannot establish in areas prone to frost. Older trees are more tolerant but can withstand low temperatures for only short periods.	Small	3	\$100.00
		Medium	0	\$125.00
		Large	0	\$150.00
		XL	0	\$175.00
Chocolate Sapote (Diospyros digyna)	Diospyros nigra, the black sapote, is an evergreen species of persimmon native to Mexico, Central America, and Colombia. Common names include chocolate pudding fruit, black soapapple and zapote prieto. It can grow up to 25 m in height with trunk diameter of up to 45 cm. It has a rounded crown, black bark, and glossy, dark green leaves. Its fruit is consumed raw when fully ripe and/or cooked. Its flesh is dark chocolate brown to black in colour but somewhat sweet and rich in flavour. Immature fruits can also be eaten as a vegetable when boiled. Bark and leaves are used medicinally in the treatment of fever and various skin conditions.	Small	113	\$65.00
Subtropical Fruit Plants	Continued	Grade	No. In stock	Price
Lucuma (Lucuma obovata)	Native to Central and South America. People describe this sweet smelling fruit as caramel or maple syrup flavoured and compared the texture to sweet potato. Often described as a "superfood", it is sometimes used to flavour icecream.	Small	9	\$65.00
		Medium	0	\$100.00
		Large	7	\$135.00

Sapodilla "Krasuey" (Manilkara zapota)	The Krausey sapodilla is native to Thailand and is an evergreen tree up to 20m high and 7m in width. It can tolerate frosts and is reasonably hardy. It prefers drier, well drained light to medium textured soils. The fruit is small, elliptical with melting flesh, having a rich sweet flavour and a light cinnamon skin. Fruits from Sept to Nov in Australia. Fertilise lightly with NPK mixtures with applications during the spring, summer and early autumn. Pick fruit before it softens.	Small	22	\$75.00
Prickly Pear (Opuntia ficus-indica)	Can grow to a height of 5.5m. Large flowers, 7.5 to 10cm across, followed by white, yellow, or reddish purple fruits. The leaf pads may also be eaten once spines removed - Nopales in Mexican cuisine.	Small	1	\$75.00
		Medium	1	\$100.00
Jabuticaba (Plinia cauliflora) Also known as Plinia jaboticaba	Slow-growing evergreen tree from the Myrtle family grows up to 15m. Cold tolerant to around -5C when established, but best in a frost-free sheltered site. The purplish-black, white-pulped fruit arise directly on the tree trunk. Usually eaten raw or to make jellies, jams, juice or wine.	Small	0	\$45.00
		Medium	0	\$100.00
Abiu (Pouteria caimito)	Native to South America where it grows to an average of 10m. Pollination is enhanced with two adjacent plants. Fruit shape varies from round to oval pointed at the distal end. When ripe, it has a smooth, bright yellow skin and one to four ovate seeds. Inside of the fruit is translucent and white. It has a creamy, jelly-like texture, taste similar to sweet caramel custard. From the Sapotaceae family it is similar in appearance to the canistel (Pouteria campechiana).	Small	60	\$65.00
		Medium	0	\$125.00
Canistel (Pouteria campechiana)	In the Sapotaceae family, the canistel tree grows up to 10m and produces orange-yellow fruit. Also called yellow sapote, the fruit is up to 7cm long, edible raw. The flavor is described as sweet moist pumpkin or creamy sweet potato. Can grow outside in a frost-free location.	Small	12	\$85.00
		Medium	0	\$125.00
Blackberry Jam Fruit (Randia formosa)	A 1.2m shrub that will flower and fruit in full sun or filtered light. Described cold hardy -3.3C but that is not our experience. Slow growing with small yellow fruit which taste like blackberry jam.	Small	0	\$125.00
Dragon Fruit - Red (Selenicereus setaceus) Also known as Patahaya	From the Cactaceae family. Thin skinned fruit ranges in color bright pink to red-brown, easily peeled to reveal dark red to crimson flesh containing tiny, black, edible seeds. Flesh has a delicate, sweet, fresh and mildly acidic flavour. They climb by the use of aerial roots, requiring a simple board or pole to climb or may be grown on a low pergola. Grown in warmer areas of NZ.	Small	300	\$20.00
		Medium	10	\$55.00
		Large	12	\$85.00
Dragon Fruit - White (Selenicereus undatus)	From the Cactaceae family. White Dragon Fruit is yellow skinned but white-fleshed with a delicate, sweet, fresh and mildly acidic flavour. They climb by the use of aerial roots, requiring a simple board or pole to climb or may be grown on a low pergola. Grown in warmer areas of NZ. It is used both as an ornamental for its voluptuous flowers and as a fruit crop.	Small	50	\$25.00
		Medium	50	\$55.00
		Large	16	\$85.00
Miracle Fruit (Synsepalum dulcificum)	An evergreen shrub from tropical West Africa, grown for its mild fruits that make subsequently eaten sour foods taste sweet. The plant grows as a dense shrub or small tree, usually not more than 5.5 metres in height. The small white flowers give rise to red drupe fruits that are about 2–3 cm in length. Plants typically begin producing fruit after three or four years and require acidic soil.	Small	0	POA
Kent Mango (Magnifica indica)	The "Kent" mango is a named mango cultivar that originated in south Florida. Height to 9 meters in its native environment. Fruit has a rich sweet flavour.	Small	0	\$75.00
		Medium	0	\$90.00
Mango	Unnamed variety grown from seeds. Height to 9 meters.	Small	6	\$75.00

Subtropical Fruit Plants	Continued	Grade	No. In stock	Price
Jujube (Zizipus mauritiana)	Chinese date. A small deciduous tree or shrub reaching a height of 5–12 metre, usually with thorny branches. The fruit is an edible oval drupe 1.5–3 cm, maturing brown to purplish-black, and eventually wrinkled, looking like a small date. There is a single hard kernel, similar to an olive pit, containing two seeds.	Small	0	\$75.00

Banana Variety	Description: Edible Honduran varieties and Australian hybrids. These are varieties that have been selectively bred for high disease resistance and exceptional taste.	Grade	No. In stock	Price
Federal Honduras Institute of Agriculture (FHIA)	FHIA bananas are experimental tetraploid bananas originating at the Honduran Agricultural Research Foundation, a government organization based in Honduras, Central America and the world leader in banana breeding. They are not genetically modified but bred conventionally by crossing A and B genotypes to produce high tolerance or resistance to the major pernicious pests plaguing banana plants worldwide. The SH-(four numbers) cultivar designations indicate intermediate steps to the prime varieties, which are then given FHIA numbers and eye-catching marketing names.			
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High Noon - SH-3640 AAB ploidy	High Noon is an Australian selection growing 3.0-3.5m in height. It's similar to the Honduran varieties and is a superior flavoured dessert banana. The fruiting bunch hangs out at an angle to the pseudostem. Hardy and robust. Also matches characteristics for FHIA-23 a variety originally from Africa.			
		Small	4	\$45.00
		Medium	4	\$55.00
		Large	0	\$65.00
		XL	0	\$100.00
		Specimen		\$150.00
Mona Lisa - FHIA-02 AAAA ploidy	FHIA-02 is a dessert Honduran hybrid banana. 3.0 -3.5m in height. Mona Lisa is a vigorous and strong grower with partially red pseudostems. Performs well in New Zealand. Tangy sweet fruit.			
		Small	1	\$45.00
		Medium	0	\$55.00
		Large	0	\$65.00
		XL	2	\$100.00
		Specimen	0	\$150.00
Bonanza - FHIA-18 AAB ploidy	Honduran hybrid banana; 3-3.5m FHIA-18 is marketed in Australia as Bonanza. More cold and wind tolerant and produces higher quality fruits in sub-tropical conditions. Highly recommended and well suited to growing in NZ in warmer frost-free areas. Pups of this variety are all sword sucker like.			
		Small	0	\$45.00
		Medium	0	\$55.00
		Large	0	\$65.00
		XL	0	\$100.00
		Specimen	0	\$150.00
Goldfinger - FHIA-01 AAB ploidy	Honduran hybrid banana; 3-4m in height. FHIA_01 marketed in Australia and New Zealand as Goldfinger. Hardy and robust. Very sweet, tangy, curved fruit. Black stems, with broad sometimes wavy leaves.			
		Small	4	\$45.00
		Medium	4	\$55.00
		Large	1	\$65.00
		XL	9	\$100.00
		Specimen	0	\$150.00
Sweetheart FHIA-03 (potentially)- Goldfinger type yet to be verified: AAB ploidy	Honduran hybrid; 3 – 4m in height with sweet, tangy fruit. Cold and wind tolerant and produces high quality fruits in sub-tropical, rather than tropical, conditions. Highly recommended. Better suited to growing in NZ conditions than Cavendish.			
		Small	0	\$45.00
		Medium	0	\$55.00
		Large	0	\$65.00
		XL	0	\$100.00
		Specimen	0	\$150.00

Banana Variety	Description: Edible Lady Finger type	Grade	No. In stock	Price
Misi Luki AAB ploidy	The most common lady finger type banana grown in New Zealand and among the tallest. It grows 3 - 5m in height with huge bunches of medium, fat fruit. Sweet creamy flesh once fully ripe otherwise can be hard and mealy. As it ripens the skin thins and becomes prone to bruising and damage to the flesh. Careful handling required when fruit is ripening.			
		Small	2	\$20.00
		Medium & Pb 6.5	5	\$25.00
		Large	60	\$30.00
		XL	35	\$35.00
		Specimen	0	\$55.00
Rajapuri AAB ploidy	Indian "lady finger" type up to 2.4m in height. Small very sweet fruit. Also suited for hot house growing.			
		Small	0	\$45.00
		Medium	0	\$55.00
		Large	2	\$65.00
		XL	0	\$100.00
		Specimen	0	\$150.00
A'ea'e'	A tall 5-6m high banana, normally variegated variety but has reverted to green. It produces small fruit that are best cooked but palatable raw when fully ripe. Prefers acid soil. Thrives in lightly shaded areas. Needs extremely good shelter from winds. (This variety is not variegated though has been verified by a New Zealand banana expert to be AeAe)			
		Small	0	\$30.00
		Medium	0	\$35.00
		Large	0	\$40.00
		XL	0	\$45.00
Lady Finger	Lady finger type, sourced from Gisborne area but cannot confirm variety. Tall up to 4m in height and great producer of small to medium tasty fruit.			
		Small	0	\$20.00
		Medium	1	\$25.00
		Large	1	\$30.00
		XL	1	\$35.00
Hamo AAB ploidy	Similar to Misi Luki and not the same variety as "Hua moa" in Hawaii. 4-5m in height. Reliable, thin-skin dessert banana with sweet flavour and soft texture. Large bunches of sweet fruit.			
		Small	0	\$35.00
		Medium	1	\$40.00
		Large	4	\$45.00
		XL	6	\$50.00
		Specimen	0	\$75.00
Australian Lady Finger Ducasse (Pisang Awak) ABB ploidy	A particularly vigorous and hardy banana; 4-5m high, important in Thailand. In subtropical conditions has tightly packed, small bananas with a light wax bloom. Relatively cool-tolerant and vigorous in NZ conditions, relatively productive. Needs extremely good wind protection.			
		Small	0	\$35.00
		Medium	0	\$40.00
		Large	1	\$45.00
		XL	0	\$50.00
		Specimen	0	\$75.00

Banana Variety	Description: Edible Lady Finger type (continued)	Grade	No. In stock	Price
Improved Ladyfinger (Pacha Nadan) AAB ploidy	3-4m in height reliable fruit production in cooler climates. Large bunches, piquant flavour, sweet small fruit with thickish skin. Hardy, and productive in Northern NZ.	Small	0	\$35.00
		Medium	1	\$40.00
		Large	1	\$45.00
		XL	7	\$50.00
Tonga ABB ploidy	6-7m high tall and hardy variety of ladyfinger banana. Sausage like fruit. Relatively cool tolerant in New Zealand conditions, and relatively productive. Needs extremely good shelter from winds.	Small	0	\$35.00
		Medium	0	\$40.00
		Large	1	\$45.00
		XL	4	\$50.00
		Specimen	2	\$60.00
Pome AAB ploidy	'Brazilian Tall' 4-5m in height, with sweet acid tasting small fruit. Sturdy, vigorous, highly productive, cold hardy and wind tolerant. Fruit shape with pinched end.	Small	0	\$35.00
		Medium	0	\$40.00
		Large	1	\$45.00
		XL	3	\$55.00
		Specimen	1	\$100.00
Mysore AAB ploidy	Subtropical vigorous plant; 3 - 4m in height. Widely grown in India as a dessert banana. Easily recognised by the pinkish-purple midribs and back of young leaves. Differs from Misi Luki common in NZ. Short, plump, sweet-acid bottleneck fruit. Hardy in Northern NZ.			
		Small	0	\$100.00
		Medium	0	\$150.00
Plantain Orinoco ABB ploidy	Unnamed variety sourced from the Far North fits characteristics of Orinoco or Saba banana. Grows vigorously on a strong plant up to 7m in height. It is totally green with no red at all and no dark motling on the pseudostem. The fruit is small, firm and angular even when ripe with no curvature. The male flower is preferred among those who cook banana flowers for use in salad.	Large	0	\$175.00
		Small	0	\$45.00
		Medium	0	\$50.00
		Large	0	\$55.00
Blue Java ABB ploidy	The unripe fruit are a striking silvery blue, slightly angular, turning yellow when ripe. Soft, sweet "ice cream" texture. Very vigorous with bunches that require propping for support.	XL	4	\$60.00
		Specimen	0	\$100.00
		Small	0	\$75.00
		Medium	0	\$125.00
		Large	4	\$175.00
Patasina AAB ploidy	Similar to Australian Lady Finger and not the same as "Pata Sina" in Samoa. A vigorous and hardy banana; 4-5m high, has tightly packed, small bananas with a light wax bloom. Relatively cool tolerant and vigorous in NZ conditions and relatively productive.	XL	4	\$225.00
		Specimen	0	\$275.00
		Small	0	\$35.00
		Medium	0	\$40.00
		Large	0	\$45.00
Samoan Large ABB ploidy	Very robust, cold hardy and unlikely to blow over. Smallish bunches of average flavoured fruit.	XL	4	\$65.00
		Specimen	0	\$100.00
		Small	0	\$35.00
		Medium	0	\$40.00
		Large	0	\$45.00
		XL	2	\$55.00
		Specimen	0	\$65.00

Banana Variety	Description: Edible Cavendish types	Grade	No. In stock	Price
Cavendish AAA ploidy	Medium size variety 3m in height. Produces large bunches of high-quality fruit.	Small	12	\$35.00
		Medium	23	\$40.00
		Large	47	\$45.00
		XL	5	\$55.00
Banana – Williams AAA ploidy	Larger Cavendish type up to 3m in height. Bigger fruit. Very good flavour. This variety requires propping.	Small	2	\$35.00
		Medium	1	\$40.00
		Large	1	\$45.00
		XL	1	\$55.00
		Specimen	0	\$100.00
Mahoi - Double AAA ploidy	Dwarf Chinese mutant Cavendish banana 2.0m in height. Produces two bunches per stem. Frost tender needs shelter and warmth. Most suited to a hothouse.	Small	1	\$35.00
		Medium	0	\$40.00
		Large	1	\$45.00
		XL	0	\$55.00
Grande Naine "Israel" AAA ploidy	Stocky productive cavendish type plant with larger fruit, developed for commercial plantations in Israel. Intermediate 3-4m in height. Very good flavour. Needs very warm suntrap position to thrive in NZ. Gross feeder.	Small	0	\$35.00
		Medium	0	\$40.00
		Large	1	\$45.00
		XL	0	\$55.00
Cavendish Dwarf AAA ploidy	Short chunky plant 2.0m in height when fully grown outdoors. Slender curved fruit, tasty. Frost tender, needs shelter and warmth. Most suited to a hothouse. Or makes a good indoor plant in a large container.	Very Small	0	\$25.00
		Small	1	\$35.00
		Medium	3	\$40.00
		Large	2	\$45.00
		XL	2	\$55.00
Banana Variety	Description: Edible Red Subgroup	Grade	No. In stock	Price
Green Dacca AAA ploidy	Beautifully pigmented banana with deep red trunk, petioles and midribs. Produces moderately sized bunches with green fruit changing to golden when ripe. Usually eaten raw or can be cooked in their skins.	Small	0	\$200.00
		Medium	0	\$250.00
		Large	0	\$300.00
		XL	0	\$400.00
Banana Variety	Description: Cold Hardy Ornamental	Grade	No. In stock	Price
Musa basjoo	Japanese fibre banana. Cold hardy survives down to -20 degrees when heavily mulched around base and underground corm. Large graceful leaves up to 4 - 5 meters in height. Beautiful specimen plants. The fruit are small seedy, but edible once seeds removed.	Small	0	\$50
		Medium	10	\$75.00
		Large	3	\$100.00
		XL	1	\$125
		Speciman	0	\$175.00

Other Subtropical Fruits		Grade	No. In Stock	Price
Pineapple (Ananas comosus)	Natal Queen or Rough Common Pineapple is the best eating variety found in New Zealand. It has golden yellow flesh, crisp texture and delicate mild flavour. It is a tropical plant, will grow well in greenhouse or in frost free areas. Best to cover with frost cloth in winter.	V small	9	\$30.00
		Small	75	\$60.00
		Medium	40	\$75.00
		Large	120	\$85.00
		Extra Large	0	\$95.00
Pineapple (Ananas bracteatus)	South American Red or Mountain Pineapple, ripe fruit are edible, but are smaller and less fleshy than commercial pineapples.	V small	0	\$30.00
		Small	12	\$60.00
		Medium	8	\$75.00
		Large	20	\$85.00
		Extra Large	0	\$95.00
Pineapple (Ananas spp.)	Smooth cayenne is the main canning and processing pineapple. A golden yellow fruit with high sugar and acid content. It is suitable for growing in a warm greenhouse or under frost protection.	Small	0	\$60.00
		Medium	2	\$100.00
		Large	2	\$150.00
Grafted Cherimoya (Annona cherimola)	Peruvian custard apple or Cherimoya. Plant early spring or summer. Prune young trees to a vase shape over the first 3-4 years. Flowering starts October & may continue until February. Fruit ripens over a long period. Harvest when skin turns greenish - cream colour.			
	Varieties available:			
	Daisy	Medium only	22	\$45.00
	Wookie	Medium only	6	\$45.00
	Perla	Medium only	18	\$45.00
	White	Medium only	4	\$45.00
	Reretai	Medium only	7	\$45.00
Grafted Cassimoroa	White sapote, or Mexican apple has many varieties. The three grafted high flesh to seed ratio selections available are:	Medium only		\$45.00
	Mac's Gold		0	\$45.00
	Yellow		19	\$45.00
	Jason		0	\$45.00
Giant Asian Guava (Psidium guajava)	Giant Asian Guava (Jamfal) is a productive tree from Asia producing large fruit eaten fresh or preserved. The fruit is pale green on the exterior with a unique creamy, mild and aromatic flavour. Fruit may weigh up to 1.5kg. Grows to 4m tall, light pruning is recommended to maintain shape and develop a strong framework.	Small	500	\$50.00
		Medium		\$100.00
		Large		\$150.00

Other Subtropical Fruits	Continued	Grade	No. In Stock	Price
Tropical Papaya (Red Bisexual 1)	RB 1 is a bisexual pink fleshed hybrid. The fruit is elongated shaped and sweet. Papayas prefer sunny sheltered warm site with good summer rainfall. They are not tolerant of cool climate conditions. Do best in a greenhouse. Ensure soil type is light and well drained. Papayas have male and female flowers on separate trees but there are some bisexual trees.	Small	110	\$25.00
Tropical Papaya (Red Bisexual 4)	RB4 is a dioecious red fleshed hybrid. This is very fast growing will start picking within 8 months after planting out as seedlings under cover. The fruit is oblong with a a small teat, and firm pink-red flesh with a mild musk flavour.	Small	40	\$30.00
Tropical Papaya (Sunrise Solo)	Solo is a pink fleshed bisexual inbred. It is the most commonly grown papapya in worldwide. The fruit is small, pear shaped with a very sweet musk flavour.	Small	90	\$25.00
Tropical Papaya (Red Lady, Tai Nung 2)		Medium	3	\$35.00
		Large	27	\$45.00
Skyberry Red	Papayas prefer sunny sheltered warm site with good summer rainfall. They are not tolerant of cool climate conditions. Do best in a greenhouse. Ensure soil type is light and well drained. Papayas have male and female flowers on separate trees but there are some bisexual trees.	Medium	0	\$35.00
		Large	0	\$45.00
Sugar Cane	White perennial sugar cane. Nitrogen fixer. Good companion plant for bananas, helps remove excess soil moisture. Can be cut and chipped as a nitrogen rich mulch/fertiliser. Also is a high metabolizable energy stock food. Makes good fast low shelter for more tender crops.	Small	10	\$10.00
		Medium	0	\$12.00
		Large	300	\$15.00
Passionfruit (Passiflora ligularis)	Sweet Granadilla – orange shell when ripe. Large, lush heart shaped leaves. Sweetly scented purple and white flowers from late summer/autumn. Followed by green fruit hangs on the vine and ripens late spring early summer. Pick as soon as fruit colours up for the best sweet passionfruit flavour.	Medium	2	\$35.00
		Large	1	\$45.00
Passionfruit (Passiflora antioquiensis)	Vanilla passionfruit with red flowers and long, yellow fruit. Sweeter than the black passionfruit. The flowers and fruit hang down on long, thin stems and suit an archway or pergola.	Medium	6	\$35.00
		Large	4	\$45.00
Pawpaw (Carica pubescens)	Rainbow Valley Pawpaw. Sweet small pawpaw fruit can be eaten raw or stewed, in jams, sauces or pies. Selection by Joe Polaischer of Rainbow Valley Farm, Matakana.	Small	2	\$25.00
		Medium	4	\$35.00
		Large	5	\$45.00

Other Subtropical Edibles		Grade	No. In Stock	Price
Tumeric (Curcuma longa)	Flowering plant in the ginger family, used in cooking.	Medium	45	\$25.00
Ginger (Zingiber officinale)	Edible ginger. Subtropical/Tropical perennial, grown as an annual. Needs temperatures above 18 for growth. Plant in part shade to full sun in fertile well draining soil with pH 5.5 – 6.5.	Medium	5	\$35.00
Arrowroot (Canna edulis)	Appearance similar to a large leaved lilly. Easy to plant and easy to grow from rhizomes.	Small	5	\$25.00
		Medium	5	\$35.00
		Large	4	\$45.00
Vietnamese Mint	Vietnamese coriander or Laksa leaf mint.	Small	5	\$15.00
Taro (Phillipines)	Edible taro.	Medium	0	\$25.00
Taro (Pacific)	Edible taro	Medium	0	\$25.00
Taro (Pacific)	Edible taro.	Large	0	\$45.00
Taro (Pacific)	Edible taro.	Extra Large	0	\$55.00
Taro (Japanese)	Edible taro.	Small	14	\$20.00
Taro (Japanese)	Edible taro.	Medium	0	\$25.00
Taro (Japanese)	Edible taro	Large	0	\$25.00

Subtropical Ornamental	Description: Musa	Grade	No. In stock	Price
Musa sikkimensis	Ornamental species, inedible fruit 4m in height. Hardy and particularly wind tolerant. Handsome red-splashed juvenile leaves.	Small	0	\$50
		Medium	0	\$75
		Large	0	\$100
		XL	3	\$125
		Specimen	0	\$150.00
Musa coccinea	Ornamental banana which has very bright scarlet flowers for several months of the year. Slender and delicate growth habit, grows to a height of 2m.			
		Medium	0	\$75
		Large	7	\$100
		XL	3	\$125
Musa zebrina	The blood banana with green leaves splashed with jagged patches of mahogany red. A slender delicate 2m plant. Requires full shelter and dappled light, thrives only in warm conditions.	Small	0	\$50.00
		Medium	0	\$75.00
		Large	0	\$100.00
		XL	0	\$125.00
Musa mannii	Indian dwarf ornamental flowering banana. Hardy with colourful pink bell.	Small	0	\$50.00
		Medium	0	\$75.00
		Large	2	\$100.00
		XL	4	\$125.00
Musa velutina	Frost tender beautiful in a warm garden. Vivid pink upright flowers & velvety hirsute inedible fruit. Small up to 1.8m, ornamental, hardy.	Small	0	\$50.00
		Medium	0	\$75.00
		Large	0	\$100.00
		XL	0	\$125.00
Musa ornata	Plants grow to a height 1.5 to 3.0 m. The plants have green/blue foliage. The leaves can grow to 1.8 m long, and can be used for tropical cut flower arrangements. It produces pink flowers with dark pink inedible fruit.	Small		\$50.00
		Medium		\$75.00
		Large	3	\$100.00
		XL	3	\$125.00
Musa lasiocarpa (Golden Lotus Banana)		Small	2	\$75.00
		Medium	3	\$110.00

Subtropical Ornamental	Description: Heliconia	Grade	No. in stock	Price
Heliconia shiedeana	Originates from the cooler Andean highlands of Peru. Vivid, glossy scarlet bracts and yellow florets in an upright head held above the 1.8m leaves. The flower spikes emerge November and continue to flower until the following October. A handsome and reliably hardy plant remains compact and tidy for years.	Large	12	\$45.00
		XL	5	\$55.00
Heliconia subulata	The first Heliconia to be widely grown in Northern NZ gardens. It originates from the cooler Andean highlands of Peru and has vivid, glossy scarlet bracts and yellow florets in an upright head held above the 1.8m leaves. It spreads quite vigorously like a Canna by suckering and needs room to expand. It can take several years to flower and the leaves damage easily in the wind. Both H. subulata and H. spissa flower from November to March in NZ.	Large	2	\$45.00
		XL	1	\$55.00
Heliconia tortuosa	This plant has wide, paddle leaves that require summer shade. It produces large blooms like a giant bird of paradise that are vivid scarlet. It flowers reliably every year from February to June but the midsummer sun can scorch the leaves like frost.	Very small	0	\$35
		Small	0	\$45.00
		Medium	0	\$50.00
		Large	7	\$55.00
Heliconia spissa	This plant is medium sized and grows to 1.5 to 2m high. It can tolerate full sun or light shade, stands the wind a lot better than other Heliconias and will thrive outside in the northern parts of New Zealand. In cooler areas a heated glasshouse or conservatory.	Small	9	\$45.00
		Medium	0	\$50.00
		Large	10	\$55.00
		XL	0	\$65.00
Golden Lotus banana		Small	0	
		Medium	0	
		Large	0	