

Kotare Subtropicals Nursery - Catalogue

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Plant supply available from September 2024.

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 freight. Please contact us for a quote including freight.

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.

In general we do not replace subtropical plants as climatic conditions in New Zealand are variable. Subtropicals require special care and feeding.

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 on application.

Banana Bunch Covers		Thickness (um)	Retail Price inc. GST
Highly recommended banana flower/fruit cover. With UV protection, blue/silver.		100	\$5.75

Subtropical Fruit Plants	Description: A mix of plant varieties with potential for fruit production in New Zealand	Grade	Availability	Retail Price inc. GST
Soursop "Arusha" (<i>Annona muricata</i>)	<i>Annona muricata</i> , 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	From December	\$63.25
Rollinia (<i>Annona reticulata</i>), also known as <i>Rollinia deliciosa</i>	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	From December	\$86.25
		Medium		\$109.25
		Large		\$132.25
Jackfruit (<i>Artocarpus heterophyllus</i>) 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	From December	\$115.00
		Medium		\$143.75
		Large		\$172.50
American Pawpaw (<i>Asimina triloba</i>)	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	Limited Stock	\$86.25
		Medium	Limited Stock	\$115.00
		Large	Limited Stock	\$143.75
Starfruit (<i>Averrhoa carambola</i>)	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 ovide 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	Limited Stock. More in December	\$115.00
		Medium	Limited Stock	\$143.75
		Large		\$172.50
		XL		\$201.25

Subtropical Fruit Plants	Continued	Grade	Availability	Retail Price inc. GST
Black Sapote (<i>Diospyros digyna</i>)	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	Available	\$69.00
		Medium	Available	\$80.50
		Large	Available	\$92.00
Lucuma (<i>Lucuma obovata</i>)	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	Limited Stock	\$63.25
		Medium		\$69.00
		Large		\$86.25
Sapodilla 'Krausey' (<i>Manilkara zapota</i>)	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 cinammon 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		\$86.25
Prickly Pear (<i>Opuntia ficus-indica</i>)	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	Limited Stock	\$86.25
		Medium	Limited Stock	\$115.00
Jaboticaba (<i>Plinia cauliflora</i>) Also known as <i>Plinia jaboticaba</i>	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		\$51.75
		Medium		\$115.00
Abiu (<i>Pouteria caimito</i>)	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 (<i>Pouteria campechiana</i>).	Small	Available	\$74.75
		Medium	Available	\$143.75
Canistel (<i>Pouteria campechiana</i>)	In the Sapotiaceae 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	Limited Stock. More in December	\$97.75
		Medium		\$143.75
Blackberry Jam Fruit (<i>Randia formosa</i>)	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	Limited Stock. More in December	\$143.75
		Medium	Available	\$155.25

Subtropical Fruit Plants	Continued	Grade	Availability	Retail Price inc. GST
Dragon Fruit - Red (Selenicereus setaceus) Also known as Patahaya	A climbing succulent. They climb by the use of aerial roots, requiring a simple board or pole to climb or may be grown on a low pergola. 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. Grown in warmer areas of NZ. Plant in part shade but can be moved to full sun once roots are established. Water regularly during dry months or summer. Avoid overwatering in winter, especially in cold climates. Fertilise with organic fertiliser in spring.	Small	Available	\$23.00
		Medium	Available	\$63.25
Dragon Fruit - White (Selenicereus undatus)	A climbing succulent. They climb by the use of aerial roots, requiring a simple board or pole to climb or may be grown on a low pergola. White Dragon Fruit is yellow skinned but white-fleshed with a delicate, sweet, fresh and mildly acidic flavour. Grown in warmer areas of NZ. Plant in part shade but can be moved to full sun once roots are established. Water regularly during dry months or summer. Avoid overwatering in winter, especially in cold climates. Fertilise with organic fertiliser in spring.	Small	Available	\$28.75
		Medium	Available	\$63.25
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	Unavailable	\$0.00
Mango	Unnamed variety grown from seeds. Height to 9 meters.	Small	Unavailable	\$86.25
		Medium	Unavailable	\$103.50
Jujube (Ziziphus jujuba)	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	From December	\$86.25
Surinam Cherry (Eugenia uniflora)	A shrub growing to 3 m, with glossy dark green leaves. They produce a bright orange or red cherry-sized fruit with a sweet and sometimes slightly sour taste - depending on the time of year. They look stunning in flower and make a great hedge. They fruit multiple times throughout the year. Grows best in slightly acid soil, full/part sun, and with plenty of water. Mildly frost tolerant when established.	Small		\$46.00
Green Sapotee (Pouteria viridis)	Native to the highlands of Ecuador. Grows to 2 - 5 m. The green fruit turns golden when ripe and the orange flesh has a 'melting in your mouth' effect. Frost tender. Good drainage required.	Small	Limited Stock	\$143.75
		Medium	Limited Stock	\$155.25
Davidson Plum (Davidsonia Pruriens)	Popular bush tucker plant in Australia. The blue-black plum-like berries are clustered along the main trunk. The fruit is tart, but makes excellent jams, sauces and desserts. Best in partial shade or filtered sunlight. Likes well-drained acidic soils. Needs good watering. Best between 15 and 25 C with good humidity.	Small		\$51.75

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	Availability	Retail Price inc. GST
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 AAAB ploidy	High Noon is a synthetic hybrid selection growing 3.0-3.5m in height. It's very similar to the Honduran variety FHIA-23 and is a superior flavoured dessert banana. The fruiting bunch hangs out at an angle to the pseudostem. Hardy and robust. A variety originating from Africa and modified with selective breeding.		Limited Stock. More in January	
		Small		\$51.75
		Medium	Available	\$63.25
		Large	Available	\$74.75
		XL		\$115.00
		Specimen		\$172.50
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	Available	\$51.75
		Medium	Available	\$63.25
		Large	Available	\$74.75
		XL	Limited Stock	\$115.00
		Specimen		\$172.50
Bonanza - FHIA-18 AAAB ploidy	Honduran hybrid banana; 3-3.5m FHIA-18 is marketed in Australia as Bananza. Produces higher quality fruits in sub-tropical - cool temperate conditions. Highly recommended and well suited to growing in NZ. Pups of this variety are all sword sucker like.			
		Small	Limited Stock	\$51.75
		Medium	Limited Stock	\$63.25
		Large	Limited Stock	\$74.75
		XL		\$115.00
		Specimen		\$172.50
Goldfinger - FHIA-01 AAAB 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	Limited Stock	\$51.75
		Medium	Available	\$63.25
		Large	Available	\$74.75
		XL	Available	\$115.00
		Specimen		\$172.50

Sweetheart FHIA-03 (potentially)- Goldfinger type yet to be verified: AABB 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	Limited Stock	\$51.75
		Medium	Limited Stock	\$63.25
		Large	Limited Stock	\$74.75
		XL		\$115.00
		Specimen		\$172.50

Banana Variety	Description: Edible Lady Finger type	Grade	Availability	Retail Price inc. GST
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	Available	\$23.00
		Medium &Pb 6.5	Available	\$28.75
		Large	Available	\$34.50
		XL	Available	\$40.25
		Specimen		\$63.25
Rajapuri AAB ploidy	Indian "lady finger" type up to 2.4m in height. Small very sweet tangy flavoured fruit. Also suited for hot house growing.	Small	Limited Stock	\$51.75
		Medium	Limited Stock	\$63.25
		Large	Limited Stock	\$74.75
		XL	Limited Stock	\$115.00
		Specimen		\$172.50
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	Unavailable	\$34.50
		Medium	Unavailable	\$40.25
		Large		\$46.00
		XL		\$51.75
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 length, tasty fruit.	Small	Available	\$23.00
		Medium	Available	\$28.75
		Large	Available	\$34.50
		XL	Available	\$40.25
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	Available	\$40.25
		Medium	Available	\$46.00
		Large	Available	\$51.75
		XL	Available	\$57.50
		Specimen	Available	\$86.25
(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	Available	\$40.25
		Medium	Available	\$46.00
		Large	Available	\$51.75
		XL	Available	\$57.50
		Specimen		\$86.25

Banana Variety	Description: Edible Lady Finger type (continued)	Grade	Stock Availability	Retail Price inc. GST
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	Limited Stock	\$40.25
		Medium	Limited Stock	\$46.00
		Large	Limited Stock	\$51.75
		XL	Limited Stock	\$57.50
Tonga ABB ploidy	6 m high hardy variety of ladyfinger banana. Rounded sausage like fruit. Relatively cool tolerant in New Zealand conditions, and relatively productive. Needs extremely good shelter from wind.	Small	Available	\$40.25
		Medium	Available	\$46.00
		Large	Available	\$51.75
		XL	Available	\$57.50
		Specimen		\$69.00
Pome - Australian Lady Finger Ducasse AAB ploidy	'Brazilian Tall' 4-5m in height, with sweet sub acid tasting small fruit. Sturdy, vigorous, highly productive, cold hardy and wind tolerant. The fruiting bunch hangs out at an angle to the pseudostem. Fruit shape has pinched end.	Small	Available	\$40.25
		Medium	Available	\$46.00
		Large	Available	\$51.75
		XL	Available	\$63.25
		Specimen	Available	\$115.00
Mysore AAB ploidy	Subtropical vigorous plant; 3 - 4m in height. Widely grown in India as a dessert banana. Easily recognised by the black mardings on the pseudostem, pinkish-purple midribs on leaves. Differs from the common Mysore subtype Misi Luki and has short, plump, sweet-acid bottleneck end fruit. Hardy in Northern NZ.	Small	Unavailable	\$115.00
		Medium	Unavailable	\$172.50
		Large	Unavailable	\$201.25
Plantain Orinoco ABB ploidy	Unnamed variety sourced from the Far North fits characteristics of Orinoco banana. Grows vigorously on a strong plant up to 5m in height. Has a green pseudostem with no red or 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.	Small	Unavailable	\$51.75
		Medium	Unavailable	\$57.50
		Large	Available	\$63.25
		XL	Available	\$69.00
		Specimen		\$115.00
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.	Small	Available	\$51.75
		Medium	Available	\$63.25
		Large	Available	\$74.75
		XL	Available	\$115.00
		Specimen		\$172.50
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.	Small	Available	\$40.25
		Medium	Available	\$46.00
		Large	Available	\$51.75
		XL	Available	\$74.75
		Specimen		\$115.00

Samoan Large ABB ploidy	Very robust, cold hardy and unlikely to blow over. Smallish bunches of average flavoured fruit.	Small	Available	\$40.25
		Medium	Available	\$46.00
		Large	Available	\$51.75
		XL	Available	\$63.25
		Specimen		\$74.75

Banana Variety	Description: Edible Cavendish types	Grade	Availability	Retail Price inc. GST
Cavendish AAA ploidy	Medium size variety 3m in height. Produces large bunches of high-quality fruit. Dense in flavour and sweet which results from growing in a colder climate.	Small	Available	\$40.25
		Medium	Available	\$46.00
		Large	Available	\$51.75
		XL	Available	\$63.25
Banana – Williams AAA ploidy	Larger Cavendish type up to 3m in height. Bigger fruit. Very good flavour. This variety requires propping.	Small	Available	\$40.25
		Medium	Available	\$46.00
		Large	Available	\$51.75
		XL	Available	\$63.25
		Specimen		\$115.00
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	Available	\$40.25
		Medium	Available	\$46.00
		Large	Available	\$51.75
		XL	Available	\$63.25
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	Available	\$40.25
		Medium	Available	\$46.00
		Large	Available	\$51.75
		XL		\$63.25
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	Unavailable	\$28.75
		Small	Available	\$40.25
		Medium	Available	\$46.00
		Large	Available	\$51.75
		XL	Available	\$63.25
Banana Variety	Description: Edible Red Subgroup	Grade	Availability	Retail Price inc. GST
Red Dacca - Dwarf Jamaican 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	Limited Stock	\$230.00
		Medium	Limited Stock	\$287.50
		Large	Limited Stock	\$345.00
		XL		\$460.00

Other Subtropical Fruits		Grade	Availability	Retail Price inc. GST
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	Available	\$34.50
		Small	Available	\$46.00
		Medium	Available	\$57.50
		Large	Available	\$69.00
Pineapple (Ananas bracteatus)	South American Red or Mountain Pineapple, ripe fruit are edible, but are smaller and less fleshy than commercial pineapples.	V small	Limited	\$23.00
		Small	Limited	\$34.50
		Medium	Available	\$46.00
		Large		\$57.50
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	Limited Stock	\$69.00
		Medium	Limited Stock	\$115.00
		Large	Limited Stock	\$172.50
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 sweet flavoured and heavy cropper over a v long cropping season. Self-fertile up to 1.8kg fruits with high flesh to seed ratio. Growth habit moderate vigour requires pruning to promote branching. Requires free draining which grows best in dappled light.	Medium only	From December	\$51.75
	Wookie, vigorous and quick growing moderately seedy. Very heavy cropping so thinning is essential. Prune to maintain height.	Medium only	From December	\$51.75
	Perla. A good NZ cropping variety with medium sized flavourful fruit. Mid season fruiting with relatively little seed and delicious light creamy flesh. It can be moderately susceptible to anthracnose.	Medium only	From December	\$51.75
	White. has great lemony well balanced flavour with large fruit. Shy to fruit unless side growth is promoted - keep pruned to 3m promote wide angle between branches. Best with underplanting beneath to keep humidity and flowering optimal.	Medium only	From December	\$51.75
	Reretai Earliest fruiting variety crops best after a few years to develop more fruitful flavour for early variety. Moderate growth rate and requires pruning to encourage horizontal growth. Short horizontal branches to promote fruiting. Horizontal dense foliage down low keeps higher pollination rates.	Medium only	From December	\$51.75

Other Subtropical Fruits	Continued	Grade	Availability	Retail Price inc. GST
Grafted Cassimoroa	White sapote, or Mexican apple has many varieties. The three grafted high flesh to seed ratio selections available are:	Medium only		\$51.75
	Mac's Gold		Limited Stock	\$51.75
	Yellow		Limited Stock	\$51.75
	Jason		Available	\$51.75
Giant Asian Guava (Psidium guajava)	Giant Asian Guava (Jamfal) is a productive tree from Asia producing large fruit after 2-3 yrs and 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	Available	\$57.50
		Medium	Available	\$115.00
		Large		\$172.50
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	Limited Stock	\$28.75
		Medium	Available	\$40.25
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 small teat, and firm pink-red flesh with a mild musk flavour.	Small	Available	\$34.50
		Medium	Available	\$40.25
Tropical Papaya (Sunrise Solo)	Solo is a pink fleshed bisexual inbreed. It is the most commonly grown papaya in worldwide. The fruit is small, pear shaped with a very sweet musk flavour.	Small		\$28.75
		Medium		\$40.25
		Large	Available	\$51.75
Tropical Papaya (Red Lady, Tai Nung 2)		Medium		\$40.25
		Large		\$51.75
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		\$17.25
		Medium		\$23.00
		Large	Available	\$28.75

Other Subtropical Fruits	Continued	Grade	Availability	Retail Price inc. GST
Passionfruit (<i>Passiflora ligularis</i>)	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	From November	\$40.25
		Large		\$51.75
Passionfruit (<i>Passiflora antioquiensis</i>)	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	From November	\$40.25
		Large		\$51.75
Pawpaw (<i>Carica pubescens</i>) similar to <i>Vasconcellea</i>	Rainbow Valley Pawpaw. A cross between a Mountain Pawpaw and a Babaco. Has 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	From November	\$28.75
		Medium		\$40.25
		Large		\$51.75

Other Subtropical Edibles		Grade	Availability	Retail Price inc. GST
Turmeric (<i>Curcuma longa</i>)	Flowering plant in the ginger family, used in cooking.	Medium	From November	\$28.75
Ginger (<i>Zingiber officinale</i>)	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	Unavailable	\$40.25
Arrowroot (<i>Canna edulis</i>)	Appearance similar to a large leaved lilly. Easy to plant and easy to grow from rhizomes.	Small	From November	\$28.75
		Medium		\$40.25
		Large		\$51.75
Vietnamese Mint	Vietnamese coriander or Laksa leaf mint.	Small	From November	\$17.25
Taro (Phillipines)	Edible taro.	Medium		\$28.75
Taro (Pacific)	Edible taro.	Medium		\$28.75
Taro (Pacific)	Edible taro.	Large		\$51.75
Taro (Pacific)	Edible taro.	Extra Large		\$63.25
Taro (Japanese)	Edible taro.	Small	Available	\$23.00
Taro (Japanese)	Edible taro.	Medium		\$28.75
Taro (Japanese)	Edible taro	Large		\$28.75

Subtropical Ornamental	Description: Musa	Grade	Availability	Retail Price inc. GST
Musa basjoo	Japanese fibre banana. Cold hardy survives down to -20 C 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	Limited Stock	\$28.75
		Medium	Limited Stock	\$40.25
		Large	Available	\$51.75
		XL	Limited Stock	\$57.50
		Speciman		\$86.25
Musa lasiocarpa (Golden Lotus Banana)	Musella lasiocarpa is from the mountainous regions of China. Grows to 1.5 m and flowers after 2 to 3 years. Wind and cold tolerant, but should be covered in frosty areas. Also grows well indoors.	Small	Limited Stock	\$86.25
		Medium	Limited Stock	\$126.50
Musa sikkimensis	Ornamental species, inedible fruit 4m in height. Hardy and particularly wind tolerant. Handsome red-splashed juvenile leaves.	Small	Limited Stock	\$57.50
		Medium	Limited Stock	\$86.25
		Large	Limited Stock	\$115.00
		XL	Limited Stock	\$143.75
		Specimen		\$172.50
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	Limited Stock	\$86.25
		Large	Limited Stock	\$115.00
		XL		\$143.75
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	Limited Stock	\$57.50
		Medium	Limited Stock	\$86.25
		Large	Limited Stock	\$115.00
		XL		\$143.75
Musa mannii	Indian dwarf ornamental flowering banana. Hardy with colourful pink bell.	Small	Limited Stock	\$57.50
		Medium	Limited Stock	\$86.25
		Large	Limited Stock	\$115.00
		XL		\$143.75

Subtropical Ornamental	Description: Musa (continued)	Grade	Availability	Retail Price inc. GST
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	Limited Stock	\$57.50
		Medium	Limited Stock	\$86.25
		Large	Limited Stock	\$115.00
		XL	0	\$143.75
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	Limited Stock	\$57.50
		Medium	Limited Stock	\$86.25
		Large	Limited Stock	\$115.00
		XL	0	\$143.75

Subtropical Ornamental	Description: Heliconia	Grade	Availability	Retail Price inc. GST
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	Limited Stock	\$23.00
		XL		\$40.25
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	Limited Stock	\$23.00
		XL		\$40.25
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.	Small	Limited Stock	\$11.50
		Medium	Limited Stock	\$17.25
		Large		\$23.00
		XL		\$40.25
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	Limited Stock	\$11.50
		Medium	Limited Stock	\$17.25
		Large		\$23.00
		XL		\$40.25