

Pacifica



'Pacifica' uses lush foliage, bold textures and colours to create a uniquely New Zealand tropical feel. To have a truly subtropical garden, there are many limiting factors including location, rainfall and using more obscure plants.

However, using mainly New Zealand native species with perhaps some exotic plants suitable for your site, a 'Pacifica' atmosphere can be created.

Mature nikau palms may not be suitable for you, so they can be replaced with an exotic palm or another tree altogether. A very frosty location may not be suitable for this look, as some of the larger-leaved plants can be tender.

'Pacifica' conjures up thoughts of balmy summer evenings and strolls in the moonlight. A 'Pacifica' garden near the barbeque or pool would create a wonderful atmosphere.

Paths laid with shells or edged with wood, small piles of stones, pots, bold sculpture or carvings and lighting would enhance this area. Enjoy creating 'Pacifica' in your garden.



Plant Suggestions for 'Pacifica' gardens

	Botanical Name	Common Name
1	<i>Rhopalostylis sapida</i>	Nikau
2	<i>Alectryon excelsa</i>	Titoki
3	<i>Pseudopanax spp</i>	Fivefinger
4	<i>Hoheria</i>	Lacebark
5	<i>Metrosideros excelsa</i>	Pohutukawa
6	<i>Clianthus maximus</i>	Kakabeak – Red
7	<i>Phormium tenax</i>	NZ Flax
8	<i>Macropiper excelsa</i> or <i>Macropiper melchoir</i>	Kawakawa / Three Kings Kawakawa
9	<i>Aristotelia serrata</i>	Wineberry
10	<i>Entelea arborescens</i>	Whau
11	<i>Clianthus maximus</i>	Kakabeak – Red
12	<i>Caldcluvia rosifolia</i>	Makamaka
13	<i>Meryta sinclairii</i>	Puka
14	<i>Astelia chatamica</i>	'Silver Spear'
15	<i>Hebe speciosa/blue</i> or 'La Seduisante'	
16	<i>Cordyline australis</i>	Cabbage Tree
17	<i>Hebe speciosa/blue</i> or 'La Seduisante'	
18	<i>Chionochloa flavicans</i>	Snow Tussock
19	<i>Coprosma taiko</i>	Prostrate Coprosma
20	<i>Phormium cookianum</i>	Mountain Flax
21	<i>Coprosma 'Karo Red'</i> or 'Middlemore'	
22	<i>Pachystegia insignis</i>	Marlborough Daisy
23	<i>Arthropodium</i> or <i>Dianella nigra</i>	Renga Renga Lily / Turutu NZ Blueberry
24	<i>Uncinia rubra</i>	Red Hook Grass
25	<i>Hibiscus diversifolius</i> or <i>trionum</i>	North Cape Hibiscus / NZ Hibiscus Puarangi
26	<i>Hebe 'Wiri Mist'</i>	
27	<i>Haloragis erects 'Bronze'</i>	Toatoa
28	<i>Myosotifium hortensa</i>	Chatham Island Forget-Me-Not
29	<i>Pimelea prostrate 'Blue'</i>	NZ Daphne

By no means limit yourself to the plants suggested. Substitute as appropriate for your site and situation.