

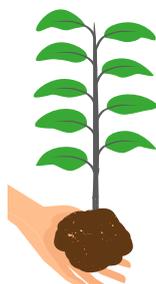
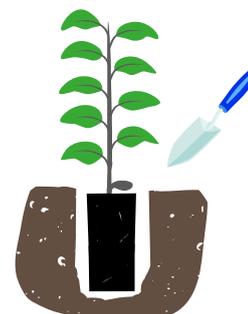


## Native species planting guide



**Step 1:** Water your seedlings while they are still in the pot/tube or immerse them in a bucket of water.

**Step 2:** Dig a hole slightly deeper and wider than the seedling pot. Replace some loose soil into the hole to allow the roots room to move (hydrated water crystals and low phosphorous slow release fertiliser may be added at this point).



**Step 3:** Remove the plant from its container by gently tapping or squeezing the bottom of the pot, upturning it and slowly teasing it out. Be careful not to tear the leaves or roots. If the roots are tangled, gently separate them at the base.

**Step 4:** Place the plant in the hole, making sure the stem is straight.



**Step 5:** Fill around the plant with soil, being careful to cover the roots and remove any air pockets. The plant should be placed in a small hollow or reservoir so it can capture water.



**Step 6:** Press the soil down firmly to remove air pockets.

**Step 7:** Add plenty of mulch or jute matting around the base of the plant to reduce evaporation and weed invasion (If grass and weeds have been sprayed, this step may not be required).



**Step 8:** If using tree guards, place them carefully around the plant. These help protect the plant from pest animals (such as rabbits), wind and weed invasion.



**Step 9:** Water well around the base of the plant using at least a couple of litres for each.

**Step 10:** The survival of your new plants relies on ongoing nurturing. Regular rainfall or waterings, weed control and preventing livestock grazing is critical.

## Other Tips

- Wear gloves to protect yourself from injury, soil pathogens and herbicides
- Be sun smart - wear a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen when working outdoors
- Old milk cartons with the top and bottom cut off can be used as tree guards