



SELECTION CRITERIA

Most Weed-Wise Nursery

New Zealand award

Key Dates

- Nominations are to be with The Secretary of the New Zealand Plant Protection Society by 30 April each year.
- New Zealand winners will be decided by 31 May and announced in June.
- The National Winners for Australia and New Zealand will be announced on 1 September each year.

Anyone can nominate a retail nursery or garden centre for these awards – nursery owners or staff could nominate themselves. Please see the selection criteria below.

Send **three copies** of the nomination to the Secretary by 30 April.

1. The name and contact details of the nominating person or organisation.
2. The name of the retail Nursery or Garden Centre nominated, address, other contact details and other relevant information (website).
3. A written assessment of the nursery. The assessment should be less than five A4 pages and cover:
 - 3.1 A summary of species of plants sold or not sold, for example:
 - Has the nursery voluntarily removed invasive species, especially popular species sold by other nurseries?
 - Does the nursery sell examples of local native flora?
 - 3.2 The standard of plant labelling, e.g. Do plants have correct scientific names? Are potentially invasive species labelled as such? (The nursery is **not** expected to be selling legislated species, such as those on the national pest plant accord or plants targeted by local Regional Councils)
 - 3.3 Whether the nursery is accredited with any industry associations(s) and, if so, what that accreditation means. Relevant documentation or certification should be attached.
 - 3.4 Whether the nursery has a policy on invasive species or related issues such as sustainability, biodiversity conservation or agriculture protection. Any appropriate documentation should be attached.
 - 3.5 Whether the nursery is a participant in schemes like ‘Plant Me Instead’ (or similar schemes run by local government or community groups), and the impact of this on species stocked, products sold, and customer education.

(Relevant brochures, pamphlets or other supporting documentation should be attached).

- 3.6 Does the nursery educate customers about environmental issues, including invasive species? This could be through newsletters, websites, signage or support of local community groups. The assessment could include photographs, video or other supporting evidence.
4. Three independent referees should each submit a report of at least 150 words. The referee reports in total should be less than six A4 pages
- At least two of the referees should have visited the nursery.
 - At least one referee should be an 'expert' in weed/invasive plant issues, from an appropriate society, local or central government, or a national agency like a Crown Research Institute or University.
 - At least one referee should represent a non-government organization such as an appropriate industry group, professional society, community group or conservation group.