



## Hello garden lovers!

Welcome to our March 2021 Newsletter.

On the Nursery, the propagation team are busy working on tissue cultures and Rhododendron cuttings which will be ready in about 4 years time. This is a point of difference for rhododendrons from Blue Mountain Nurseries- they are generally a year older than most giving stronger root systems and a more established and hardy plant.

We are potting the last of this year's riparian plants. Blue Mountain Nurseries is proud to be a partner in the Pomahaka Water Care Group, supplying riparian plants for this important West Otago project. The Pomahaka Corridor Planting project will span two years, creating around 19 jobs, planting around 216,000 seedlings on riparian areas and 100km of fencing. The project seeks to establish riparian native vegetation to help filter out sediment and nutrients before they enter the Pomahaka river in West Otago. Many people outside of the Pomahaka River project are also conscious of the needs of waterways and plant sales to concerned landowners have increased as a result. We have upped our production to meet demand and we are taking on more staff. The application form and job descriptions can be found on our website at [www.bmn.co.nz](http://www.bmn.co.nz)

Perennials are still looking great with flowers on the Lobelias putting on a great display. We also have new crops of Heuchera Palace Purple and Lime Marmalade. The Thalictrum are putting up flower stems now and their Gypsophila like flowers are going to be beautiful. We have Poplars (Populus) for farm shelter and many of our riparian plants like Carex secta and other shelter tree lines like Thuja plicata are proving popular. The Buddleja are still flowering and have been selling well. These are great for attracting the bees and birds and the scent from the flowers is wonderful. They are also fast growing and for this reason they are a great plant for screening off areas in a garden. The new crops of Bergenia's are looking good with Wanaka Wine and Bressingham Ruby selling well in the shop and online. They are looking fantastic with their unique large lush green leaves that turn dark burgundy red in late summer and winter.

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### Lobelia siphilitica Blue

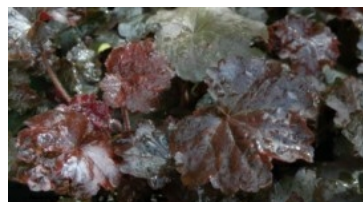
Beautiful blue flowers in long spikes in autumn. Plant in well drained soil in sun. Ht 50cm.



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### Heuchera Palace Purple

Red bronze leaves make this an attractive ground cover. Sprays of small white flowers in summer. Easy to grow. Hardy. 30cm.



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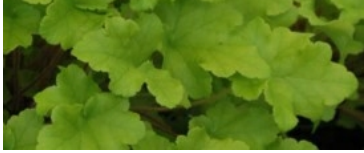
### Heuchera Lime Marmalade

Clear lime green leaves- great ground cover for a lightly shaded garden.



### Thalictrum aquilegifolium Purpureum

Fluffy rose pink heads of flower in summer. An easy to grow perennial that likes a moist garden. Good cottage plant. Ht. 100cm..



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### **Buddleja globosa**

Striking erect, fast growing shrub. Orange-yellow ball-like flowers in summer. Prefers full sun. Hardy. Ht 3m. Evergreen. Great for feeding bees, birds and butterflies.



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### **Buddleja salvifolia**

Sage like leaves and lilac flowers in summer on a very hardy bush, Likes full sun, 2m Deciduous. Great for feeding bees, birds and butterflies.



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### **Populus yunnanensis**

Broadly columnar in habit. New growth is a lovely red turning to dark green as it matures. Scented when coming into leaf. Deciduous. Ht 5m



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### **Carex secta**

A handsome clump forming green grass. Seed heads dark brown. Likes damp sites. Ht. 1m.



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### **Thuja plicata**

Western Red Cedar. A fast growing tree with very attractive foliage in summer changing to bronze in winter. Hardy. Ht.4m. Evergreen. Conifer.



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### **Bergenia Bressingham Ruby**

Elephants ear. Large heart-shaped leaves, green in summer, and purple in winter. Sprays of ruby flowers in spring. Ht 25cm.



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Please get in touch if you have questions or there is anything else we can do to help you enjoy life from your garden!

**Chris and the team at Blue Mountain Nurseries**



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