

## **Alternatives to Pines – free field days. Further information**

The aim of the field days is to encourage landowners to plant trees where that will improve land use. Anyone thinking of retiring a block of land, or improving shade and shelter, or growing trees for timber or carbon credits is welcome.

The field days will be run over the next few months around the country, and will focus on suitable species, their establishment and their performance in that area. They are expected to complement a series of B+LNZ ‘Trees within Farms’ workshops focussing on the Emissions Trading Scheme.

The emphasis will be on species that have proved successful in that region, and what they need in terms of location (temperature, soils, shelter and moisture); establishment; weed and pest control; and management. Species may include:

Eucalypts – especially ground durable

Poplar – for erosion control and timber

Cypress – for high value timber

Redwoods – for erosion control, timber and carbon sequestration

Douglas fir – for cooler sites

Oaks – for high value timber

Totara – for high value timber

Each field day will run for around 3 hours and involve a tour of the property, a description of the location, why the trees were chosen, how they were planted, their survival and performance, the environmental benefits they have provided, and the costs and expected returns.

Information will be provided in a handout, and NZFFA members together with field advisors from Te Uru Rakau – NZ Forest Service and Beef + Lamb NZ will be on hand to answer questions. Brochures, tea and coffee will be available.

Registrations may be limited for health and safety reasons. If an event is cancelled or postponed for weather or other reasons, all registered attendees will be notified.

