

Recommended large shrubs and small trees suitable for growing under or near power lines.

The plants on this list have a mature height in Northland of between 2.5 and 4 meters.

Even though the trees listed below are considered suitable for planting under or near power lines, it is you, the tree owner, who is responsible for maintaining your trees at a safe distance from the lines.

Botanical Name	Hedge/ Fence line	Common Name	Native	Evergreen
Acacia Baileyana Purpurea		Purple Cootamundra Wattle		✓
Acer Palmatum		Japanese Maples		✓
Ascarina Lucida		Hutu	✓	✓
Banksia Ericaefolia		Heath Banksia		✓
Butia Capitata		Jelly Wine Farm		✓
Callistemon – almost all	✓	Bottlebrush		✓
Camellia – any	✓	Camellia		✓
Cassia Corymbosa John Ball		Buttercup Tree		✓
Ceanothus Papillosus Roweanus		California Lilac		✓
Cercis Canadensis Forest Pansy		Purple Redbud		D
Cercis Chinensis Avondale		Dwarf Chinese Redbud		D
Choisya Ternate		Mexican Orange Blossom		✓
Coleonema Pulchrum		Pink Diosma		✓
Corokia – any		Wire Netting Bush	✓	✓
Cunania Capensis		Butterknife Bush		✓
Dodonea Viscosa & DV Purpurea		Ake Ake	✓	✓
Dombeya Pink Cloud		Dombeya		Semi
Dryandra Praemorsa		Dryandra		✓
Erica Arborea		Tree Heath		✓
Escallonia Species	✓			✓
Fatsia Japonica		Japanese Aralia		✓
Feijoa Sellowiana & Selections	✓	Feijoa		✓
Glyptastrobus Pensillis	✓	Chinese Swamp Cypress		D
Gordonia Axillaris		Poached Egg Tree		✓
Grevillea Glabrata		Smooth Grevillea		✓
Grevillea Robin Hood		Scarlet Toothbrush Grevillea		✓
Griselinia Littoralis	✓	Griselinia	✓	✓
Hibiscus Syriacus		Rose of Sharon		D
Ilex Aquifolium – selections	✓	Holly		✓
Juniperus Chinensis & selections	✓	Chinese Juniper		✓
Botanical Name	Hedge/ Fence line	Common Name	Native	Evergreen
Magnolia Liliflora Nigra		Purple Lily Magnolia		D
Lagerstroemia Indica – any		Crepe Myrtle		D
Leptospermum Copper Sheen		Shiny Tea Tree		✓

Leptospermum Petersonii		Lemon Scented Tea Tree		✓
Leucadendron Safari Sunset		Safari Sunset		✓
Magnolia Stellata		Star Magnolia		D
Mahonia Lomariifolia		Chinese Holly Grape		✓
Malus Loensis Plena		Bechtel Crab		✓
Melaleuca Mountain Fire				✓
Melaleuca Squarrosa		Scented Paperbark		✓
Metrosideras Springfire		Pacific Pohutukawa		✓
Michelia Figo		Port Wine Magnolia		✓
Monstera Deliciosa		Fruit Salad Plant		✓
Myrtus Kathryn			✓	✓
Nandina Domestica		Heavenly Bamboo		✓
Olearia – any		NZ Daisy Tree	✓	✓
Osmanthus Heterophyllus		Holly Olive		✓
Philadelphus Coronarius		Sweet Mock Orange		D
Philodendron Stelloum				✓
Phoenix Roebellini		Dwarf Date Palm		✓
Phornium Tenax	✓	Flax	✓	✓
Photinia Red Robin	✓	Red Robin		✓
Pittosporum “Tom Thumb”			✓	✓
Plumbago Capensis		Cape Plumbago		✓
Podalyria Calyprata		Sweet Pea Bush		✓
Polygala Myrtifolia Grandiflora		Polygala		✓
Protea – any		Protea		✓
Pyrus Salicifolia Pendula		Weeping Silver Pear		D
Rhododendron – Duf Species		Rhododendron		✓
Randeleitia Amoena		Mexican Viburnum		✓
Schefflera Pitmans Pride				✓
Sophora Dragons Gold		Kowhai	✓	✓
Sophora Te Atatu Gold		Kowhai	✓	✓
Stelitzia Reginae		Bird of Paradise		✓
Tibouchina Alstonville				✓
Tibouchina Granulosa				✓
Vitex Agnus-Castus		Chaste Tree		✓

Please note: The plants in this list have a mature height in Northland of between 1 and 3 metres, or are lightly branched and easily trimmed when they attain greater dimensions.

This list is by no means exhaustive. Many more trees and shrubs can be successfully maintained at a height that will not interfere with power lines, simply by regular judicious pruning. For further suggestions, or to view these plants, contact your local garden centre.

When planting under or near power lines, please remember to “Plant the Right Tree in the Right Place” so that they will not be hazardous to life, property and power supply in the future.