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Easter has come and gone

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So Easter has come and gone. The dog found the Easter eggs and is now looking sad from chocolate poisoning and the Bunnies, like a number of our tourists, found things pretty sweet and have updated their facebook status to "overstayer".

I'm not exactly sure whether this rabbit problem is limited to Tauranga or not but they're everywhere..... and boy, do they like their food dished up in bowls..... or pots will do.... not that fussy.

They're in my veggie garden at home, around the nursery and will even go inside the plastic houses looking for the next yummy "naturally native" fresh young plant.

But rabbits are not the only thing that likes nice new young plants. My mate put in a 1000 plants around his duck shooting pond only to have deer break down the fence and gobble the lot overnight. As he rushed out the door with the gun his wife quietly reminded him that the deer were his!!!

Controlling rabbits is a bit of a challenge in built up areas with pets and people about. Shooting the rabbits..... (Gareth Morgan also has a thing about cats.....) seems to be the best option, although I did come across an article promoting the use of an egg powder paste as a repellent..... Don't you just love the irony given its Easter..... rabbits hate eggs?

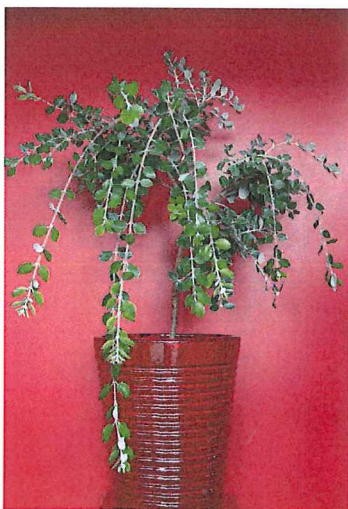
Back in the Nursery

We have a great selection of good quality plants. The price is right, we received the rains and have warm soil temperatures. What are you waiting for? Give Pauline or Teresa a ring.

There is also a number of carry over lines from spring that range starting from \$1.00 for those fiscally tight jobs that are not requiring an instant effect.

I have also included the latest product list for your consideration. You will note that this has been altered to group the plants according to their use which should help if you're looking for an alternative option.

...and I thought my eyesight was bad



Phormium Chocomint

This plant sometimes gets lost in the myriad of other flaxes but stands out because of its striking colours and ability to stay true to form. A lot of the hybrid flaxes are notorious for reversion and your beautiful landscape garden with the pink hint slowly disappears into a tenax jungle. Not so for the Chocomint.

Metrosideros Octopussy

There are approximately 50 different species of Metrosideros of which New Zealand has 12. They come in widely different forms ranging from vines to large trees.

The Metrosideros Octpussy is an interesting plant that can offer quite a unique look as a standard or as a prostrate form. It likes full sun, can easily be shaped and has this uniquely weeping form.



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