



# Know Your Southland

## Native Plants

Beginners Guide to

Basic Botany



### and Plant Identification in Southland

Jesse Bythell and Chris Rance

**Date** – tba

**Venue** – Southland Community Nursery Education Centre – park 183 Grant Road car park

**Time** – 9am-4.30pm

**Cost** – \$50

**BYO lunch.** Hot drinks provided

**For Booking and more information:** email [rances@ihug.co.nz](mailto:rances@ihug.co.nz) or phone Chris 03 21231161 (evenings)

### Workshop Description

This workshop is aimed at beginners who wish to learn basic botany and those who want to learn more about identifying Southland's native plants.

The workshop is based on the New Zealand Plant Conservation Network (NZPCN) teaching resource "Introduction to Plant Life in New Zealand" but concentrating on Southland species.

The full NZPCN course is a 2 day course. This workshop is covered in one day with follow up "special topic" workshops available by request.

There are no assessments or exams! This workshop is intended as an introduction to the magical world of native plants, to give you a basic understanding of botanical terms, plant characteristics and helpful resources to spark your interest to learn more. It should be fun!

### The Venue

The venue for this workshop is the Southland Community Nursery Education Centre, set in a spectacular native setting of mature kahikatea forest and wetland restoration area. There will be a good amount of outside tuition taking advantage of the venue. The Southland Community Nursery is a working native plant nursery which is available for workshop participants to use thereafter to further their learning.

### What you need to bring

Wet weather gear! Sunscreen! Good footwear. BYO lunch, hot drinks provided.

## **Jesse Bythell**

Jesse is an ecologist with 6 years' experience working with Southland's flora and 4 years' experience teaching basic plant identification and plant ecology on field trips run by the Southern Institute of Technology. Jesse has been on the New Zealand Plant Conservation Network's national council for the last 4 years and is currently developing a smartphone app featuring all 595 native mainland trees and shrubs.

## **Chris Rance**

Chris is a self-taught "plantswoman" with over 15 years experience managing the Southland Community Nursery. She has qualifications in General Horticulture and Landscaping, is a member of many Southland Conservation Groups and as a paid job worked for the Department of Conservation for 16 years as a GIS analyst. Her husband Brian is a botanist working for the Department of Conservation.

## **References:**

[www.nzpcn.org.nz](http://www.nzpcn.org.nz)

[www.southlandcommunitynursery.org.nz](http://www.southlandcommunitynursery.org.nz)

**Brought to you by Southland Community Nursery**

**Workshops Inspired by Nature**

[www.southlandcommunitynursery.org.nz](http://www.southlandcommunitynursery.org.nz)

