

Self-maintaining Wildlife Habitat Restoration Maintenance in an Urban environment.

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Abstract

Maintaining restoration sites is a time consuming and costly exercise. Maintaining urban wildlife habitat restoration planting's applies procedures and strategies designed to control rampant weed growth.

The method has been developed as a strategy to meet ecological, economic, and social criteria shared by most restoration sites found in and around Christchurch. The technique develops key principles that can be usefully applied to all urban restoration sites.

The main objective of this method is the initiation of a maintenance programme that forms a self maintaining long term maintenance strategy. The technique aims to release valued plants from rampant exotic grass growth over several season. In this way valued provenanced plants are provided enough time to establish successfully, begin shading out competitive grass growth, and restore processes that enable native plant seed germination.