

Willows and poplars

Pole sale

This year, purchasing our high-quality poplar and willow poles is easier than ever. Orders can now be placed directly through our website, making the process simple and convenient.

All of our poles are grown locally at our nursery and quality-checked. Poles are available in bundles of five. We deliver poles across Hawke's Bay for \$1.50 per pole, with delivery available on orders of 75 to 500 poles. Deliveries are scheduled between June and July.

Pole storage

Prior to planting, poles should be stored in moist conditions to prevent desiccation (drying out). This can be done under sprinklers or by placing in fresh open water, such as a farm dam. Poles should be placed in water butt end first and as deep as possible without floating. Poles should not be soaked like this for more than two weeks.

Planting advice

Check out our Farmers Hub online at hbrc.govt.nz, search #farmershub

The 'Hub' has a number of fact sheets about siting, planting and maintaining poles, plus a variety of information relating to land and land use. Also visit poplarandwillow.org.nz for more information.

Check before you plant...

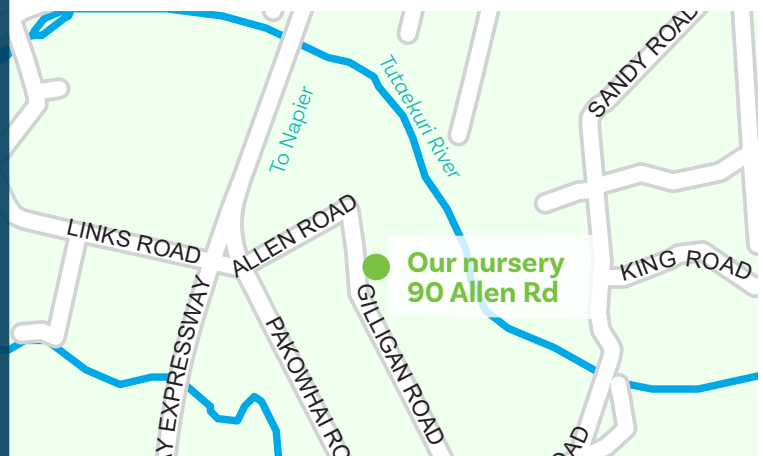
Before you plant, remember to check on regulations relevant for your situation and the distance you can plant trees from other features, such as:

- **community drains** (Hawke's Bay Regional Council)
- **power wires** (Electricity Authority)
- **roads and property boundaries** (District Council)

We aim to provide a reliable source of high quality poplar and willow poles for erosion control on farms.

Next Generation Land Management

The Next Generation Land Management programme supports Hawke's Bay landholders to keep soil on their hills and out of the waterways. You can now order erosion control poles online at a competitive price. You can place your orders on our website, visit hbrc.govt.nz, search #poles



See page two for catalogue and price list.

For further information and help with ordering please contact your land management advisor.

NAPIER/HASTINGS	Napier office 06 835 9200 Alice Anderson 027 200 4278
CHB DISTRICT	Paul Train 027 533 2539
WAIROA	Bryan McCavana 027 210 7397

To find out more and place an order visit hbrc.govt.nz, search #poles

We have a selection of poplar and willow poles for sale. These have been bred specifically for farm planting including: erosion control, shelter belts, livestock shade, drought fodder, timber (poplars).

Willows

Willows need moist soil conditions through summer to grow well. In the drier parts of Hawke's Bay they should be planted in the dampest sites. In wetter districts they are highly versatile.

Matsudana (*Salix matsudana*) Tolerates drier soils than most other willows, develops early rough bark (stock and goat resistance). Limited root system and develops moderately spreading crown that can be prone to wind damage with age. Suitable for erosion control and shelterbelts (requires side trimming). Female clone, not recommended for planting along permanent waterways.

Moutere (*Salix matsudana x alba*) Fast growing, multileader but relatively narrow crown. Requires summer moist sites and suitable for erosion control on streambanks, in gullies and on lower slopes; can also be used for shelter belts or river control works. Male clone, suitable for planting along permanent waterways.

Tangoio (*Salix matsudana x alba*) As drought tolerant as Matsudana but more wind resistant. Suitable for erosion control planting on hillsides and shelter belts; has high leaf protein and best willow for coppice stock fodder. Female clone, not recommended for planting along permanent waterways.

Poplars

Crowsnest (*Populus x euramericana*) Moderate growth rate with light, upswept branching and a very narrow crown, good tolerance for drier sites and wind exposure on mid-to-upper slopes. Suitable for erosion control and recommended variety for shelter belts.

Fraser (*Populus x euramericana*) Moderate growth rate with light branching and a narrow crown. Similar tolerance for drier sites and wind exposure on mid-to-upper slopes as Crowsnest. Mainly suitable for erosion control. New variety, limited availability.

Otahuao (*Populus x euramericana*) Moderate growth rate and full crown, suitable for mid-to-upper slope sites but less tolerant of drier sites and wind exposure than Crowsnest. Mainly suitable for erosion control. New variety, limited availability.

Veronese (*Populus x euramericana*) Fast growth rate and moderately narrow crown, suitable for a range of sites and some tolerance for drier sites, mature trees can be susceptible to a degree of wind damage on very exposed sites. Suitable for erosion control, shelterbelts, agroforestry and amenity planting.

Kawa (*Populus deltoides x yunnanensis*) Fast growth rate, semi-rough bark and moderately narrow crown with strongly central leader. Prefers summer moist sites with limited exposure. Suitable for erosion control and recommended variety for poplar timber (good stem form and relatively high basic wood density). Late bud break and leaf fall compared with other poplars.

Colour codes

Willows

Matsudana – White
Moutere – Purple
Tangoio – Blue

Poplars

Crowsnest – Yellow
Fraser – Orange
Kawa – Black
Veronese – Grey

Pole protectors

For best results in cattle grazed areas, plant 3 metre poles and use the smooth plastic Dynex sleeve protector. Limit heavy cattle access to plantings for 1-2 years, or exclude with a temporary hotwire if necessary.

Two pole protector sleeve types are available from the nursery:

- **Dynex pole protector** – grey UV stabilised plastic tube with a 3-4 year lifespan, providing protection from sheep, cattle, goat and possum browsing. A tube with built-in air holes and tear line to allow the protector to split as tree size increases. Available in 1.7m lengths and does not require fixing to the pole.
- **'Treeguard' sleeves** – black UV resistant plastic netting sleeves available in 1.1m (sheep only grazing) and 1.7m, which require fixing to poles with small staples (19 x 2.0 mm). These sleeves protect against browse damage only and cattle should be excluded from plantings for 1-2 years until poles have established roots.

Quality commitment

Nursery management take care to ensure that plant material is of the highest quality and is correctly identified. However, this is not a guarantee of the strike rate or growth rate of the material supplied.

Price list 2026 (prices exclude GST and transport)

Poplar and willow poles

3m (A grade)	3m (B grade)
\$8	\$6

Pole specifications

Pole Size	3m (A grade)	3m (B grade)
Minimum Top End	30mm	25mm
Diameter Butt End	55mm	40mm

Please contact your land management advisor if you require other specifications.

Pole protectors

Pole Size	Price
1.7m Netlon	\$5.50
1.7m Dynex pole protector	\$8.00

Placing your order

You can place your orders on our website, visit [hbrc.govt.nz. search #poles](https://www.hbrc.govt.nz/search/#poles)

From late July you can buy poles directly from our nursery (See page one for map).

Call 0800 108 838 or email HBRCLandManagement@hbrc.govt.nz and we'll help you out.