

Little Sprouts

A FREE STORY, SONG AND CRAFT SESSION FOR UNDER 5'S

10am on the first Wednesday of every month
Auckland Botanic Gardens Library



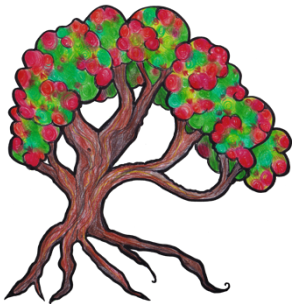
WE'RE COUNTING DOWN TO CHRISTMAS AT THE AUCKLAND BOTANIC GARDENS!

- Look out for pohutukawa trees in bloom and visit the conifer trees on the lawn in front of the Visitor Centre.
- Look out for reindeer food – lichen, moss, grass, leaves and bark.
- Enjoy a festive picnic with family and friends under a shady tree.

OUR FAVOURITE CHRISTMAS-THEMED BOOKS

Available to borrow from your local library www.aucklandlibraries.govt.nz

- Winnie-the-Pooh A Tree for Christmas
by Jane Riordan
- We Wish You a Kiwi Christmas
by Lynette Evans and Myles Lawford
- A Kiwi Day Before Christmas
By Yvonne Morrison
- Grandma's Kiwi Christmas
By Helen McKinlay



SING ALONG A CHRISTMAS SONG!

A Pukeko in a Ponga Tree: <http://folksong.org.nz/nzchristmas/pukeko.html>

I'm a little Star: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9UOkYTC6SGQ>

Pohutukawa Tree: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K5AM2nrxAq4>

Pohutukawa Tree

I am a Pohutukawa seed,
plant me in the ground and water me.
Plenty of sunshine is what I need
then guess what you will see?
Out will shoot a tiny twig
and it will continue to grow so big.
Beautiful flowers of whero,
the native tree of Aotearoa.

Chorus

Pohutukawa tree, pohutukawa tree,
New Zealand's Christmas tree.
You fill my heart with aroha,
the native tree of Aotearoa.



He kakano Pohutukawa,
Poua ki te whenua,
Nga hihi o te ra, hei orange
Hihiri pupuke, te kune e.
He ira ki te whai ao
Ka tipu, tu, ka roa,
Uhia I te raukura
Ko koe no Aotearoa.

Chorus

Tu mai ra Pohutukawa
Tu whakahi ki te ao
Pupu ake ko te aroha
Ko koe no Aotearoa.



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