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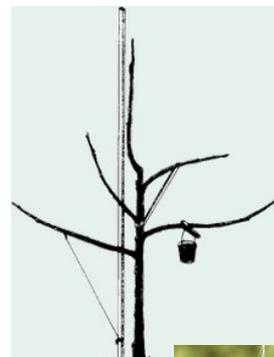
## NEWSLETTER

**March 2018**

*Autumn, the season that teaches us, that change can be beautiful.*

**Training young trees** develops a strong tree structure that can support heavy crops without limb breakage, it also helps to bring a young fruit tree into production at an early stage.

Start training at planting time, remove unwanted shoots in summer, while they are small, train more by limb positioning than by pruning, as often as necessary. Bend nearly vertical limbs 45 to 60 degrees from vertical, secure them in place by using twine, weights or notched limb spreaders in the crotch of the branch. Allow the branch to stiffen and stay in that angle. Take care not to break the branch. Bending helps to keep the tree small and manageable by channeling the trees resources into fruit instead of shoot growth.



Wild bird feeders would make great weights for training trees.

**We have got wild bird seed, to make your own and different feeders available.**



### *Pruning paste is back on our shelves*

There is plenty of choice on the market but this one is convenient and with very little wastage due to the applicator brush.

Prune Tec forms a barrier to prevent diseases entering via fresh pruning cuts.



The Paste encourages beneficial callusing to form on pruning cuts. The seal remains elastic, and stretches as the plant grows. It also dries quickly, even after rain or in cold conditions.



### **Kiwi Seed pig meal and pellets**

Available in 25 kg bags

are formulated to offer ideal nutrition for your growing pigs, small and big. Small batches are made locally using natural, high quality ingredients from South Island NZ.

Kiwi Seed are proud suppliers of the **gluten free, grain free**

### **A La Carte - Dog feed range.**

Check out the latest 2 Product additions:

Chicken, Lentil & Seaweed, along with Smoked Salmon & Vegetable. Both available in 1.5kg and 15.8kg bags.



#### **Timothy Hay,**

best choice for Rabbits and other herbivores  
 Sweet smell and taste help ensure fibre intake  
 Easily digested  
 Chewing helps to keep the teeth ground down  
 Low calcium– reduces risk of urinary stones  
 100 % natural, 1 kg/bag



#### **Lucerne Hay**

Legume hay high in fibre and protein, digestible energy and calcium.  
 Perfect choice for growing, breeding or underweight herbivores.  
 Excellent treat for mature herbivores.  
 100% natural, 1kg/bag



**Duck shooting special** Barley, Ryecorn, Oats, Peas 25kg available here at Kiwi Seed

Samuel Showman

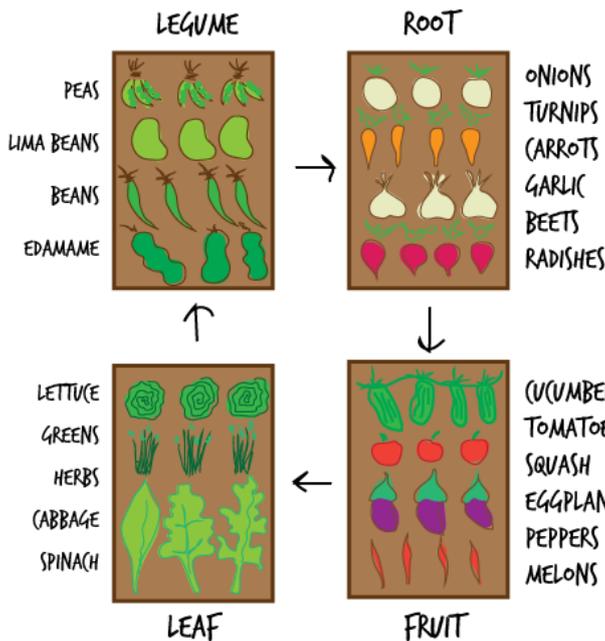
March is always an exciting month in the garden. If you are not engaged with harvesting delicious fruit and veggies, use the time to get organised for autumn and winter.

If your fruit trees had leafcurl and other diseases this year rake up old leaves and remove from your garden. Don't add diseased leaves and fruit onto your compost heap.

Spray copper and sulphur based products, once 90% of leaves have fallen and repeat in early spring before bud bursts.

Remove the old fruiting canes from raspberries and other cane fruit as they finish fruiting.

Potatoes and onions should be lifted, dirt brushed off and stored. This easy step will help with storage into winter.



While the soil is still warm, prepare your soil and plant out seedlings of beetroot, broccoli, brussels sprouts, cauliflower, spinach and silverbeet.

Remember to rotate your crops to avoid soil disease build up. Watch the white butterfly caterpillar and the whiteflies, they are at their peak numbers.

Also sow carrots, parsnips, radishes and lettuces directly into the garden for a late autumn and winter feast.

**Building healthy soil** is crucial for every gardener. Sowing cover crops/ green manure is a very easy way to do that over winter.

We have got peas, lupins (adding nitrogen), oats (adding organic matter), caliente mustard (fumigation/ disinfection) and ready made up seed mixes in various sizes available.

In early spring before the cover crop sets seed, chop up the organic matter, add some more Garden pellets and dig in immediately. Be sure to plant your spring veggies about 3 weeks later into beautiful healthy soil.

Autumn is a good time to sow **new lawns** as seed will germinate quickly, if it is kept well watered.

For the **established lawn** feed and water as required, treat lawns for weeds once there is active growth and do not forget to look out for fungal disease and treat as needed.

## Kiwi Seed Garden pellets – a Gardeners dream

Couple years ago we started making our own Garden pellets here at Kiwi Seed– what are they made out of and how are they used?

Kiwi Seeds garden pellets contain no hidden nasty chemicals.

They are made purely with broll, lime and meat and bone.

The pellets are very easy to handle, measure and no more being covered in clouds of lime and meat and bone.

Add them to your compost or directly work them into your garden beds prior to planting winter veggies and flowers. Worms love them and their rapid population increase proofs this.

Healthy worms, healthy soil, healthy vegetables.

Use 1-2 cups per sqm depending on your soil state.



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**Thank you from all at Kiwi Seed.**