

Backyard Blitz

You may have more neighbours than you realise!



The diversity of life within our own backyards is phenomenal – some of it good and some not so good. Beneficial bugs include minute organisms you can't see, but baddies are very obvious, from the tangle of weeds to seeding plants that readily escape over the fence.

Weeds thrive on neglect

Redesign your backyard to create a manageable site. A weed-free garden is far more enjoyable than an untidy tangled mess and can be healthier for both you and your pets. Check out *Plant Me Instead* booklets for plants to use in place of environmental weeds.

Some neighbours even join their backyards together so they have a larger space to plant a native bush haven, for themselves and wildlife to enjoy. By working together they can keep weeds under control so everyone benefits.



Frightening fact: Auckland is the weediest city in the world with over 220 environmental weeds.

Each year, at least another four plant varieties escape from gardens and reproduce in the wild. Don't let New Zealand become the weediest place on earth!



If you don't have a garden, join a local Care group. Get involved in removing weeds from parks and gullies and replacing them with native plants. Contact your local regional council about Weedbusters groups in your area.

Blitz the weeds in your backyard and beyond.



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