

KARAKA

Scientific Name: *Corynocarpus Laevigatus*.

Maori Name: Karaka

The Karaka is a living tree that grows on the coast. The coast is where the land meets the sea. The Karaka tree does not get blown over by the strong wind. The Karaka tree is big and has lots of seedlings.



Berries

The part of the berries that are eaten is the raw flesh but only eaten when treated with hot water. The berries are ripe in late summer.

Leaves

The Karakas leaves are a large dark glossy green that can grow up to 7-20cm long. The leaves can show that it is part of the tropic family.

WARNING

The raw flesh of the berries are very poisonous to anyone who paces in mouth without any treatment.

Book Titles

Growing Native Plants, Native Trees and Forests, Our Trees, Native Edible Plants.

Bark

The Bark is grey and is very smooth. The Karaka grows very straight.