

## **New practical resources**

New, practical resources on www.myrtlerust.org include:

- Resource for gardeners practical advice for Kiwi home gardeners, produced by the Beyond Myrtle Rust team. It includes:
  - When to prune
  - How to remove and report infected plants
  - What not to plant
- Myrtle rust reducing impacts through plant selection Staff from Auckland Botanic Gardens and Auckland Council's Biodiversity and Arboriculture teams list species susceptible to myrtle rust and recommended alternative species that are resistant to myrtle rust and provide aesthetic and/or ecological benefits.

Biosecurity New Zealand no longer undertakes on-the-ground management of myrtle rust, however we are supporting landowners to manage plants affected by the disease on their own properties.

This includes ensuring they have access to practical information on the myrtle rust website <a href="https://www.myrtlerust.org.nz">www.myrtlerust.org.nz</a>, which we continue to maintain.

We are also encouraging reporting of myrtle rust finds via the <u>iNaturalist website</u>, where experts can check to confirm whether identification is correct. There is also a long-term monitoring form on the myrtle rust website.

The Department of Conservation, councils and other agencies continue to be involved in the long-term management of myrtle rust.