

LYN ELLIS SOIL MIX RECIPE

FOR GROWING NATIVE PLANTS

We mixed our own potting mix in the following ratio:

- 4 x composted pine fines or peat moss
- 2 x course river sand
- An Osmacote slow release fertilizer pellet for natives. You can get it lasting 6 – 9 months or 12 – 14 months. It's major minerals normally referred to as NPK were Nitrogen 17; Phosphorus 1.6; Potassium 9.0 plus Magnesium 0.6.

We also added a small amount of a loamy bush soil taken from a healthy native forest area. We believe this acted as an inoculant of the many soil microbes and fungi that have associations with native plants and are likely to be missing in long cleared pasture lands.



This information is from an Upper Deua Catchment Landcare Workshop led by Lyn Ellis on Native Seed Collection and Propagation on Saturday 3 September 2022. Lyn and her partner ran a local native plant nursery in the Braidwood region for about twenty years.

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