

Transcript: The myrtle family

Video length: 0:47

[Video begins. Pleasant music is playing. A logo appears with the words: 'Myrtle rust – Community Education'. Below it, the words 'The myrtle family' appear.]

[During the video, the shot changes between Karin Van der Walt (Conservation & Science Advisor, Otari Native Botanic Garden) speaking in front of the camera outside, and photos of trees from the myrtle family.]

Karin Van der Walt (Conservation & Science Advisor, Otari Native Botanic Garden): "Myrtles are evergreen trees or shrubs. They are important food sources for insects, birds, and lizards.

"New Zealand has over 40 myrtle species, including pōhutukawa, rātā (such as those right up behind us), mānuka, kānuka, ramarama, and swamp maire.

"25 of our native myrtle species are endemic, which means that they occur nowhere else in the world.

"Additionally, there are several hundred non-native myrtle species in New Zealand. These include a variety of eucalyptus, bottle brushes, lillypilly, monkey apple, and of course, feijoa."

[Video ends]