**Hebe ‘Lindsayi’**

*Hebe ‘Lindsayi’* is an attractive flowering compact bun shaped evergreen shrub. It flowers over summer. There are examples of this north and west of the Field Services Centre. There may be other examples on campus. This is an easily recognised cultivar in flower with its distinctive pink flowers fading to white. It closely resembles *H. amplexicaulis* and is thought to be a hybrid between that species and *H. pimelioides*.

*Hebe ‘Lindsayii’* is a bun shaped plant approx. three quarters of a metre in height & spread.

Leaves are rounded, margins yellowish, stems dark, flowers in compact racemes.
Hebe macrantha

This is a straggly shrub that is growing in the Hebe collection at the Amenity area. This species is on the northern side of that collection. It has the largest flowers of all of the hebes. Flowers are clear white and are seen over summer. Leaves are clearly toothed. This may be the only example of this species currently on campus.

Inflorescences lateral, note leaves decussately arranged (as is the case for all hebes)
*Hebe macrocarpa var. latisepala*

There is just one example of this species on campus, it was a donation from Marion Trought and is planted at the southern end of the Hebe collection in the Amenity area. This is an erect growing shrub to about 1.5m high with a spread of about half that. In spite of the fact that this species has a distribution in the warmer parts of the North Island, this has shown to be perfectly hardy at Lincoln.

An erect branched New Zealand native species.

Flowers are a deep rich purple in axillary racemes, leaves are opposite, simple, short petiole of about 2mm, linear, approx 100mm x 24mm. Photographed 20th August 2008.
Hebe obtusata

This is a good ground cover species, it has a prostrate habit of growth and is usually up to half a metre in height with a much greater spread. There are examples south of the Horticultural Teaching lab. and east of the Works Office both on Farm Road as well as other areas on campus. Flowering occurs over a long period, but mostly summer and autumn.

A spreading shrub, useful for ground cover planting.

This species is easily recognised by its habit of growth, long axillary racemes of pale purple flowers, leaves mostly oblong, stems red-purple.
*Hebe odora* (boxwood)

This is a round or bun shaped plant that superficially resembles box (*Buxus sempervirens* – or box - often used in hedging). This species is quite variable and produces white flowers in late spring or early summer. There is an example of this species on the western side of the Field Services Centre and some different forms in the *Hebe* collection at the Amenity area.

Typically rounded form with small box hedge like leaves, grows to between one and one and a half metres in height and spread

White flowers often in terminal, but sometimes lateral inflorescences in late spring.
Hebe ‘Oratia Beauty’

There is an example of this cultivar to the north east of the overhead walkway between offices in the Natural Resources Engineering Building. It intermittently flowers throughout the year. Metcalf suggests one of the parents of this hybrid is *Hebe albicans*. It is a broad spreading shrub that appears to grow to about three quarters of a metre or so in height with a spread of about one and a half times that. Flowers are deep pink fading to white.

Examples of this cultivar north of the walkway between NRE offices.

Intermittent flowers seen here in June, main flowering is in summer. Flowers in short racemes start pink – purple soon fading to white.
Hebe pauciflora

This is a low ground hugging species that is planted near the sign in front of the Field Services Centre and also further north in a bed adjacent to the road at the south west corner of Orchard car park. The species has upright shoots that grow about 15-20cm in height and spread of four to five time that.
Hebe pinguifolia ‘Pagei’

This is a very good low growing shrub that is more or less prostrate for many years and covers the ground in a circular pattern. Over time it does lose this formal appearance and start to grow over itself in the centre destroying its formality. This could be dealt with by pruning. Each plant needs a diameter of about a metre or slightly more and grows to a height of twenty to thirty centimetres. The foliage is a bluish colour, leaves have a reddish margin. There is an example of this in the Hebe collection at the Amenity area. This may be the only example on campus.

This cultivar is a very good formal specimen provided it is given sufficient space to grow, it is best in a full sun site. It does layer itself as it grows under suitable conditions. Flowers are white, seen over the summer.
Hebe salicifolia  (koromiko)

Koromiko is a large open growing shrub to 2 or 3 metres in height and spread, more or less bun shaped. Examples on campus include south west of the Nursery on Farm Road and in the Amenity area. Flowers are generally white and droop in long racemes, seen over summer, but intermittently at other times of the year.

Examples of koromiko south of the Nursery in Farm Road.

Long pendulous racemes of pale mauve or usually white flowers, old seed capsules often remain for long periods on the bush.
Hebe speciosa  (napuka, titirangi)

Hebe speciosa is an easily recognised species in flower with its dark red-purple flowers and bold glossy leaves. Examples of this species can be seen in the Amenity area, south the Natural Resources Engineering buildings, and south east of Lincoln Ventures adjacent to the west side of Orchard car park.

Hebe speciosa can grow to a metre or more high and usually a spread of half as much again...
Hebe topiara

This is an attractive formal looking bun shaped glaucous species that looks good as a specimen or planted in a group. It maintains a close branching form, rarely opening up and becoming leggy as some hebe are apt to do. This example is at the eastern end of the Natural Resources Engineering Buildings in a mass planting beside the road. Leaves are mostly glabrous except for a line of white hairs on the upper surface along the midrib that are seen under low magnification. Leaves are elliptic to oblong about 12-14mm long by 6mm across. Flowers are white in lateral inflorescences in early summer.
*Hebe townsonii*

This is an evergreen shrub that is easy to recognise by its lines of domatia or pits that follow the leaf margin and are easily seen on the upper and lower sides of the leaves. *Hebe townsonii* is an upright growing species that grows to about a metre or so in height and spread and has white flowers in mid to late spring. Examples of this species can be seen in the north-west corner of Matron’s car park, at the Amenity area and in the eastern border of Orchard car park as well as other areas on campus.

White flowers in axillary racemes, leaves glossy above, paler below, domatia obvious

Upright shoots, glossy green leaves
Hebe ‘Waikiki’

This is a hardy cultivar that is easily recognized with its red – purple tipped foliage particularly in the winter. This cultivar spreads more than it grows high growing to about 1.5m high and a spread of up to 2.5m or so eventually. Flowers are lilac blue to purple and white in summer. There are examples of this cultivar in the Hebe collection at the Amenity area and north-west of the Field Service Centre.

In winter the foliage tips colour to shades of red.
Hebe ‘Wiri Gem’

This is one of the many cultivars of Hebe bred by Jack Hobbs at the Auckland Regional Botanic Gardens. It is a hybrid between H. ‘Wiri Jewel’ and H. diosmifolia (pink). This example is on the eastern side of Colombo Hall toward the northern end. This shrub is bun shaped and may be broader than it is high as indicated below. It has a long flowering period from April to October and produces flowers during almost any time of the year.

Purple flowers above are in compact axillary racemes, stems and leaf margins red-purple. Some indications of the grand parent H. speciosa can be seen in this cultivar. (A parent of H.’Wiri Jewel’)