

## SO YOU WANT TO PLANT A TREE? GREAT! HOW ABOUT HELPING US GROW A FOREST?



The Friends of Karura Community Forest Association (FKF) and the Kenya Forest Service aim to return Karura Forest Reserve to a full conservation forest of indigenous upland Kenya trees and shrubs. Since 2009, indigenous tree cover has been augmented from 25% to nearly 50%, thanks in part to support from people like you.

In Karura Forest, we don't just plant trees for a photo op, we plant trees to grow a forest.

So, what are the steps to plant a tree, or a 1,000 trees, and then make sure they grow?



- MAKE CONTACT Individuals or corporate reps, send an email request to <u>GrowingTrees@KaruraFriends.org</u> or ring Lucy +254 (0)791 398371 or Ely +254 (0)725 720395 or the KFS Station Manager +254 (0)728 501944, and tell us what you have in mind.
- \* HOW MANY TREES do you wish to plant? One? Ten? The number of years of your birthday? Up to you.
- WHICH TREES? Currently there are 70 suitable species of trees and shrubs to choose from in the FKF Nursery (right).
- DECIDE ON DATE Our tree-growing programme is rain-dependent, so we'll need to discuss dates. Typically during the 'short rains' (late October through November) and the 'long rains' (March-May) are the best times.
- COST We charge KES 450/= (ca. \$4.50) per seedling. The cost includes clearing a site of invasive species, preparing the hole, helping you plant the tree (or doing it for you, if you're not in town), and three year's follow-up care.
- PAYING Once we've all agreed on number, species and planting date, a site will be chosen for you. You will receive a pro-forma invoice. Payment by cheque at Karura Forest House, or via MPesa (Pay Bill No. 838602, under Account put your name, event, and number of trees).
- PLANTING On the chosen day, you will find everything ready onsite. You will be guided to it and taken through the tree planting procedure.





If you worry about the contribution your international or local air travel makes to atmospheric carbon dioxide and thereby drives global climate change, you can offset your carbon impact by planting trees. Visit <u>co2.myclimate.org</u>, work out the carbon cost of your next trip, and calculate how many trees you need to plant in Karura to offset that cost.

Now your photo op has sustainability!



FROM THIS... ...TO THIS!

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