

Pink Corflute Tree Guards

- I bought my first lot 12 years ago and am still using them.
- They can be reused multiple times. They only use one stake, but the stakes only last 2 or 3 goes. Wait till the soil is moist and pull gently upwards and you can mostly get them out and re-use. Stakes can be bought separately.
- For me the main attributes are:
 - Durability
 - Stability – the flaps at the bottom are essential – they can withstand the strongest winds we have in Sugarloaf
 - Side opening – this means you can leave the guard on until the tree is quite big, because to take them off, you remove the stake and they open up
 - Act like a little greenhouse to encourage growth
 - Because they sit so snugly on the ground, it helps keep the water around the plant when you water them, especially if you mulch
 - They claim that the pink colour helps with growth – I cannot assess this as I have no scientific knowledge
- They are dearer than using plastic ones, but because they are so durable and reusable, in the end they are also cost neutral or better.



- I recently tried the green ones which are a bit cheaper. In the bad winds we had they did not blow away but despite being heavily mulched most of them lifted up and moved around. I had to pull the mulch away and resettle them after the wind. The fact there is no side opening, means you need to take them off before the plant gets too big or you need to cut them off if the plant is bigger, meaning you cannot reuse. I would not buy them again, but

they still have some of the other benefits and could be a cost-effective and environmentally sounder alternative to the plastic ones.



** I managed to speak to someone at Barrington Outdoor Adventures where I bought mine 12 years ago. It is the owner's brother who invented them and makes them still. However he is now based in Canberra and called Global Land Repair. It seems that since I bought mine, they have developed all sorts of shapes and sizes. They say they are still made in Australia. Below is the link. Alibaba, the Chinese behemoth, also makes a variation, but it is good having an Australian option, especially as an Australian apparently invented them.

<https://www.globallandrepair.com.au/products/the-ultimate-tri-cone-tree-guards/>