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**SPECIES**

*Dianella revoluta*

**COMMON NAME**

Blueberry lily, blue flax lily, black anther flax-lily, spreading flax-lily

**ORIGIN**

Australia

**DESIGN USE**

It looks best in mass planting and makes a lovely understory plant while adding texture. It is suitable for most rockeries and can be grown as a border or just adding quality to the bushland garden; Mass planting, accent plant, borders, foliage contrast and low water requirement gardens.



**HEIGHT**

1m in height

**SPREAD**

up to 1.5m

**HABIT**

Long periods of interest in gardens looking decorative with its compact, clumping and evergreen foliage.



**FORM**

Clumps and growing from rhizomes underground

**FLOWERS**

Flowers have six tepals, reflexed measuring 7-12mm in length and six stamens which are projected in a ring around the superior ovary.

**FLOWERING PERIOD**

From spring to summer

**FRUIT**

The fruit are blue to purple and persist for many months after the flowers. Usually round in shape they measure from 4-10mm in diameter and contain 3-4 seeds.



**VARIATIONS**

*Dianella revoluta* var. *divaricata*

*Dianella revoluta* var. *revoluta*

*Dianella revoluta* var. *tenuis*

**CLIMATIC TOLERANCES**

Suitable for most soils, but prefers a well drained soil enriched with leaf mould and compost, and accepts part or full shade. Drought and frost resistant, is generally trouble-free and is grown for its distinctive strappy foliage as well as for its flowers and fruits.

**HORTICULTURE**

This plant is horticulturally desirable because once it is established it is very hardy and has a wide moisture and temperature range excluding inland extremes. Propagation can be either from the ripe seed collected by hand and sown in spring or by the division of rhizomes which can be struck in moist shady conditions in light soil during cooler months in later winter.

**REFERENCES**

<http://www.anbg.gov.au/gnp/interns-2007/dianella-revoluta.html>

