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**SPECIES**

*Eragrostis elongata* cv. Elvera

**COMMON NAME**

Native Lavender Grass

**ORIGIN**

Australia

**DESIGN USE**

Ideal for mass planting in garden beds, borders, golf courses and sloping sites.  
Bird attracting.



**HEIGHT**

Foliage to 300mm with seed heads to 700mm

**SPREAD**

250mm

**HABIT**

Elvera is a quick growing, highly ornamental grass, well suited to providing a cover plant for the slower growing strappy leaf plants. Small to medium green tufted foliage

**FORM**

A small growing grass featuring attractive, deep lavender coloured seed heads for most of the year.

**FLOWERING PERIOD**

Flowers in spring to summer or in response to rain

**CLIMATIC TOLERANCES**

Plants need little or no maintenance, thrive in most soils and are drought and frost tolerant. Grows well in NSW, VIC, QLD, SA and WA. It is not well suited to very cold climates such as Canberra and Ballarat.

**HORTICULTURE**

Water well for the first 2-3 months till established. Trim foliage to 12.5cm once or twice a year when required. Apply slow release fertilizer in Spring and Autumn. Elvera is a quick growing, highly ornamental grass, well suited to providing a cover plant for the slower growing strappy leaf plants. Simply plant 6 Elvera Viro-Cells amongst Lomandra, Dianella etc, and for the first 1 or 2 years as the slower growing but larger plants reach maturity, Elvera will provide ground cover and something nice to look at. After a few years the strappy leaf plants will dominate. Elvera also works well mixed with Imperata. Elvera can also be planted on its own at high planting rates of 25 to 30 per square metre. This is particularly good for those who want a true grassy look, with an interesting seed head. Elvera is suited to most soil types.

**REFERENCES**

<http://diversityplantpropagation.com.au>

<http://www.bluedale.com.au/our-selection/strappy-leaf-plants/eragrostis-elongata>

