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SPECIES	<i>Gahnia sieberiana</i>
COMMON NAME	Saw-sedge
ORIGIN	Australia
DESIGN USE	Swamp, pool, and pond edge plant



HEIGHT

1–2m

SPREAD

5–12mm

HABIT

Large and robust evergreen tussock plant



FORM

Tall, tussock-forming perennial. Leaves flat, recurved, scabrous, as long as culm; ligule narrow, papery; sheaths brown to black, dull.

FLOWERS

Black plume-like flowers which look very dramatic; especially with the right backdrop.



FLOWERING PERIOD

Spring to Summer

FRUIT

Red fruit

CLIMATIC TOLERANCES

It is hardy to frost and can tolerate waterlogging. It suits hardiness zones 8-9.



HORTICULTURE

Transplantation has been the most successful method of propagation. Although *G. sieberiana* does best in more moist soil it is quite drought tolerant once established, although it does not tolerate saline conditions. It grows in full sun to partial to complete shade.

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