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SPECIES	Phormium cookianum
COMMON NAME	Mountain Flax
ORIGIN	New Zealand
DESIGN USE	For native planting on coastal slopes to above tree line, among scrub or grasses



HEIGHT

1.2m

SPREAD

1m

HABIT

An evergreen perennial that has long evergreen and drooping leaves.

FORM

Forms a rosette with leaves under 2 meters in length. The scape is much taller than that of *P. tenax*, rising up to 5 meters in height.



FLOWERS

Flowers are yellow-green, with prominent scarlet stamens. It also has hermaphrodite flowers. The greenish, yellow or orange flowers are followed by twisted seed pods.

FLOWERING PERIOD

mid-Summer or from July to August



VARIATIONS

- "Dark Delight" (has deep-red leaves up to 1.2 m long)
- "Duet" (dwarf variety with cream and green variegated foliage)
- "Maori Maiden" or "Rainbow Maiden" (1m high with bronze stripes)
- "Sundowner" (a variety with very long leaves)
- "Tricolor" (leaves with red, yellow and green stripes)
- "Black Adder"
- "Cream Delight"
- "Flamingo"
- "Golden Wonder"

CLIMATIC TOLERANCES

Adapted to coastal conditions, and which can withstand negative temperatures down to about 15°F (-9°C to -10°C).

HORTICULTURE

Can grow in a relatively large range of soils, but prefers a well drained ground. It is generally propagated by seeds, or by division of the plant in spring.



REFERENCES

- http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Phormium_cookianum
- <http://www.pfaf.org/database/plants.php?Phormium+cookianum>

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