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<b>SPECIES</b>	Phormium tenax
<b>COMMON NAME</b>	New Zealand Flax
<b>ORIGIN</b>	New Zealand
<b>DESIGN USE</b>	Seaside gardens, as borders and container plant



#### HEIGHT

3m

#### SPREAD

1m

#### HABIT

A genus of evergreen perennials. Tufts of stiff, leathery, sword-shaped leaves arise from rhizomes.

#### FORM

Grows as a clump of long, strap-like leaves, from which arises a much taller flowering shoot.

#### FLOWERS

Red/brown

#### FLOWERING PERIOD

Summer to late Spring

#### VARIATIONS

- “Variegatum” (creamy yellow centres and green margins)
- “Purpureum” (reddish-brown foliage)
- “Bronze Baby” (dwarf hybrid, bronze with pink orange, & red stripes)
- “Yellow Wave” (green and yellow stripes)
- “Margaret Jones” (bright crimson colour with bronze margins)
- “Pink Strip” (pink-striped foliage)
- “Sundowner” (bronze green with a deep rose-red margin)
- “Jack Spratt” (dwarf cultivar with twisting reddish-brown leaves)

#### CLIMATIC TOLERANCES

The New Zealand Flax can thrive in wet or dry grounds and hot or windy situations provided the ground is drained enough. It can also withstand negative temperatures.

#### HORTICULTURE

Grows in all soil types but prefers a well-drained ground. Should be planted in part shade or full sun. Generally need year-round water for good growth, though small periods of drought can be tolerated once it is established.

#### REFERENCES

<http://www.cradocnursery.com.au/plants/Phormium-tenax.shtml>

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