



## Blue Flax Lily

*Dianella caerulea*



Family: Xanthorrhoeaceae

Perennial herb to 1 m



**Distribution:** found across the eastern states of Australia and Tasmania.

**Description:** A herbaceous strappy perennial plant to a metre high, with dark green blade-like leaves. Blue flowers in spring and summer are followed by indigo-coloured edible berries. It is a highly variable species, taking many forms.

**Propagation:** Seed from the berries. Also suckers to form clumps that can be divided.

**Habitat:** It occurs in a wide range of habitats, from Wet and Dry Eucalypt Forest on sandy soils, coastal heathland, and even sand dunes. A very hardy (snow and frost hardy) and long-lived plant once established. It can tolerate damp conditions but prefers moist well drained soil.

**Uses:** Attracts Butterflies (*Large dingy skipper*, *Yellow banded dart*), and birds (*Lewin's Honeyeater*). Berries edible, roots pounded cooked and eaten.