



Narrow-leaved Palm Lily or Slender Palm Lily

Cordyline stricta



Family: Asparagaceae

Tall, narrow plant 2 - 5 m



Distribution: Southern border of Queensland to the Sydney region, but it has become naturalised in Victoria and possibly South Australia

Description: Leaves are long, strappy and thin. Mauve flowers in winter and spring, followed by purple to black fruit.

Propagation: Seed germinates successfully. Division of larger plants is also a useful method of propagation and stem cuttings also strike readily.

Habitat: Found in wet sclerophyll forest and rainforest, usually on the coastal lowlands. Adaptable in a range of climates although it is a little frost tender and may be damaged in colder areas. Prefers moist soils in semi shade but is surprisingly tolerant of extended dry conditions once established. When small, it makes an excellent container plant and can be kept indoors for long periods.

Uses: A host plant for Yellow-streaked Swift caterpillars.