

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers and spent flowers. Photographer Ken Thomas, Namadgi National Park, ACT



Flowers and leaves. Photographer Don Wood, Deua National Park



Fruit and leaves. Photographer Don Wood, Badja State Forest, north east of Cooma

Common name

Tasman Flax-lily

Family

Hemerocallidaceae

Where found

Forest, **woodland**, grassy areas and **herbfields**, rocky areas, and gullies. Widespread. Rare on the coast and the Western Slopes.

Notes

Perennial herb to more than 1 m high, sometimes **spreading** extensively by **rhizomes**. Fruit fleshy, blue. Leaves crowded towards the base of the plant, in two rows on opposite sides of the stem, 20–95 cm long, 10–40 mm wide, the basal part Y-shaped in cross section, the **midrib** on lower surface **keeled**, margins often slightly curved down and toothed and rough; **Sheath** at the base more or less fully closed at the top. Flowers mauve to violet, violet blue, or deep metallic blue, about 10–20 mm in diameter, with 6 '**petals**' each 7–10 mm long. **Inflorescence** shorter than or longer than the leaves, the sub-clusters more or less contracted, 2–5-flowered. **Anthers** yellow. Fruit dark blue to purple or violet, 10–25 mm long. Flowering: spring-summer.

Family Phormiaceae in PlantNET. Family Asphodelaceae in VICFLORA.

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PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Dianella~tasmanica> (accessed 26 April 2021)

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