

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT



Flowering plant. Photographer Don Wood, above Murrumbidgee River, Canberra, ACT

## Common name

Black-anther flax lily, Flax lily, Blueberry lily, Blue flax lily, Spreading flax-lily

## Family

Hemerocallidaceae

## Where found

**Forest** and **woodland**. Widespread.

## Notes

**Perennial** herb to 1 m tall, **rhizomatous**. Fruit fleshy, blue. Leaves arranged in two rows on opposite sides of the stem, 25-85 cm long, 4-12 mm wide, flattish at the top of the stems, Y-shaped in cross section at the base, usually dark green above, **glaucous** below, hairless, margins curved or rolled down, basal **sheaths** almost completely closed. Flowers 10-20 mm in diameter, blue to violet, with 6 '**petals**', outer '**petals**' 5.5-10 mm long, inner '**petals**' 5-9.5 mm long. **Anthers** brown to almost black. **Inflorescence** much exceeding the leaves, the sub-clusters expanded, 2-9-flowered. Flowers mostly Spring to Summer. Fruit blue to purple.

Hybrids are known between *Dianella revoluta* var. *revoluta* and *Dianella longifolia* var. *longifolia*.

Family Phormiaceae in PlantNET. Family Asphodelaceae in VICFLORA.

All native plants on unleased land in the ACT are protected.

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

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