

Indigenous Plants for Ballarat Gardens



Black-anther Flax-lily

Dianella admixta (ex *revoluta*)

FAST FACTS

Groundcover

Family:	Liliaceae
	Lily
Size:	40cm H x 70 cm W
Position:	Sunny
Soil:	Well drained
Flowers:	Spring
Fruits:	Blue-purple berries
Care:	Low maintenance

Black-anther Flax-lily (*Dianella admixta* – *ex revoluta*) is an Australian native plant from the Ballarat area. It is an open clumping plant that grows up to 75cm high and 70 cm wide.

Location: Flax-lily likes a fairly sunny position and looks good as a feature in a garden bed with larger plants.

It is a slow growing plant and easy to dig up, so it won't take over your garden beds.

Leaves: The leaves are an attractive blue-green and stand quite stiffly erect.

Flowers: In spring Flax-lily produces tall brown stems which host a succession of small dark purple and bright yellow flowers. These are followed by bright blue-purple berries over summer.

Attracts: Like many low-growing, clumping plants, Flax-lily will attract some of the very small butterflies, such as Grass Skippers, that like to fly close to the ground.

Planting: It is quite a tough plant and will grow well in your garden if planted in a hole not much larger than the pot within a few days of purchase. Give it a good ½ bucket of water as soon as you plant it and it should be fine after that.

Care: Flax-lily doesn't need pruning however the clump can get a bit broad and open. To tidy it up, just cut it to about ¼ height, divide the clump into smaller pieces and replant them elsewhere.