

Blueberry Flax Lily

dianella tasmanica 'Variegata'



Blueberry Flax Lily potted

This Florida-Friendly plant is well known for its variegated color and its arching, strap-like foliage. Its foliage is showy with dark green color and contrasting ivory stripes. In the late spring and summer, the plant yields branched stems above the foliage that flower with very small, star-shaped flowers with yellow anthers in the center. These inconspicuous flowers are followed by a more visible, non-edible berry-like fruit that will remain on the plant for while and from which the plant receives its 'blueberry' name.

The Blueberry Flax Lily is a low vertical-growing perennial ground cover that is native to Australia and can be found in warm climates across the United States, particularly in coastal areas. Indeed, it is a salt tolerant plant and is capable of enduring heat and humidity, but it also does well in the shade. It is susceptible to freeze damage, but normally recovers fine once warmer temperatures set in. It is considered a Florida-Friendly plant needing less water, having fewer pest problems and performing better under water stress than most other types of border grasses.



Blueberry Flax Lily leaves



Blueberry Flax Lily flowers

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Blueberry Flax Lily in the landscape

Common Names:

Tasman Flax Lily,
Variegated Flax Lily

Native Origin :

Southeastern Australia
and Tasmania

Environment:

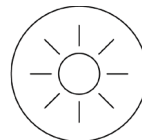
Soil: clay, loam, sand
Salt: moderate
Exposure: full sun to
partial shade

Description:

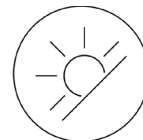
Hardy Range: 8 – 11
Mature Height: 2 – 3'
Mature Spread: 2 – 3'
Growth Rate: moderate
Growth Habit: clumping

Ornamental Characteristics:

Foliage is dark green with ivory stripes. Leaves grow from thick rhizomes that spread to form broad clumps or colonies. Spring and summer produce branched stems that rise above the foliage. These hold very small (not showy) white flowers with a spray of yellow anthers in the center. Blooms are followed by round, non- edible blueberry-like fruits.



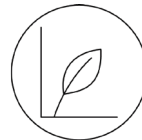
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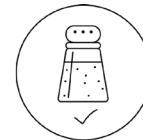
Partial Shade



Evergreen



Medium growth



Salt tolerant