

FACT SHEET

NATIVE PLANT SPECIES OF NORFOLK ISLAND

Dianella

Dianella intermedia

From the *Asphodelaceae* family this species is endemic to Norfolk Island.

Description

A small, clumping, flax-like plant growing to approx. 60cm in height. Leaves are long, dark green and glossy with slightly serrated edges. Leaf edges at the base of the plant are edged with an orange/red colour.

Delicate clusters of white flowers with yellow stamens emerge on a central stem. After pollination these develop into clumps of green berries that ripen to a deep, glossy violet blue colour.

Distribution

Island-wide.

Growing conditions

Grows well in most conditions. It's a popular addition to gardens or used for edging. Often found growing in clumps of ungrazed forest or where the forest meets grassland.

Propagation

Seeds germinate easily at home. Collect ripe seeds, remove flesh and sow. Also grows from pups. Separating existing clumps of *Dianella* can result in many plants.



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Look-alikes

There are several species of *Dianella* across the southern hemisphere. It is thought that we share our species, *Dianella intermedia*, with Lord Howe Island, making it endemic to our bioregion. However, it may be endemic to Norfolk Island only.

Further information

For further information about propagation of Norfolk Island native plants and seeds, follow the link to Norfolk Island National Park website below:

<https://www.nespthreatenedspecies.edu.au/media/nlohxpnp/a-guide-to-propagating-norfolk-island-seeds-and-plants-2021.pdf>

