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<b>Botanical Name:</b>	Phormium hybrida Guardsman
<b>Common Names:</b>	New Zealand Flax,
<b>Native:</b>	No
<b>Foliage Type:</b>	Evergreen
<b>Plant Type:</b>	Grasses, Strappy & Tufting
<b>Plant Habit:</b>	Clumping, Tufting, Upright

### Description:

Attractive black, purple, pink and red strappy-leaved clumping plant with bird attracting flower stalks in Summer. It's upright, arching leaves look great planted en-masse, in pots or used for good contrast against green foliated plants in a garden. Grows approx. 1.5m tall x 1.5m wide.

<b>Mature Height:</b>	1-2m	<b>Position:</b>	Full Sun, Semi Shade
<b>Mature Width:</b>	1-2m	<b>Soil Type:</b>	Any, Clay, Loam, Sandy, Well Drained

<b>Family Name:</b>	Xanthorrhoeaceae
<b>Origin:</b>	PacificIslands
<b>Characteristics:</b>	
<b>Foliage Colours:</b>	Black, Pink, Purple, Red
<b>Flower Colours:</b>	Red
<b>Flower Fragrant:</b>	No
<b>Flowering Season:</b>	Summer
<b>Fruit:</b>	Insignificant
<b>Requirements:</b>	
<b>Growth Rate:</b>	Moderate
<b>Maintenance Level:</b>	Low
<b>Water Usage:</b>	Low
<b>Tolerances:</b>	
<b>Drought:</b>	High
<b>Frost:</b>	Moderate
<b>Wind:</b>	Moderate

**Landscape Use(s):** Balcony / Roof, Bird Attracting, Borders / Shrubbery, Coastal Garden, Courtyard, Feature, Foliage Feature / Colour, Formal Garden, Low Water Garden, Mass Planting, Rockery, Tropical Garden, Container / Pot, Under Trees

### Pest & Diseases:

Generally trouble free

### Cultural Notes:

Extremely low maintenance. Preferably keep soil moist but will tolerate spells of dryness once established. Remove spent flower heads and dead leaves. Propagate by dividing clumps in Spring.

### Plant Care:

Annual slow release fertiliser, Keep moist during dry periods, Liquid feed, Mulch well

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