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**Botanical Name:** Phormium hybrida Blood Diamond  
**Common Names:** New Zealand Flax,  
**Native:** No  
**Foliage Type:** Evergreen  
**Plant Type:** Grasses, Strappy & Tufting  
**Plant Habit:** Clumping, Tufting

**Description:**

Striking black and red strappy-leaved upright foliated perennial. Use as a feature in a pot or mass plant for impact. Great contrast colour against green plants and widely used in Mediterranean style gardens. Darker leaved Phormiums need more shade than the green flax, they can burn in hot overhead sun. Grows approx. 2m x 2m.

**Family Name:** Xanthorrhoeaceae

**Origin:** Pacific Islands

**Characteristics:**

**Foliage Colours:** Black, Purple, Red

**Flower Colours:** Burgundy

**Flower Fragrant:** No

**Flowering Season:** Summer

**Fruit:** Insignificant

**Requirements:**

**Growth Rate:** Moderate

**Maintenance Level:** Low

**Water Usage:** Medium / Moderate

**Tolerances:**

**Drought:** Medium / Moderate

**Frost:** Moderate

**Wind:** Moderate

**Mature Height:** 1-2m      **Position:** Full Sun, Semi Shade

**Mature Width:** 1-2m      **Soil Type:** Loam, Sandy, Well Drained

**Landscape Use(s):** Borders / Shrubbery, Coastal Garden, Feature, Foliage Feature / Colour, Formal Garden, Mass Planting, Tropical Garden

**Pest & Diseases:**

Mealy Bugs

**Plant Care:**

Annual slow release fertiliser, Keep moist during dry periods

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