

Black-anther Flax-lily *Dianella revoluta*

When to look:

Throughout year; flowers
spring to summer



Flowers stick up above the leaves, consisting of 6 purple petals (7-12mm length) and 6 stamens (pollen-bearing part of the flower) in a ring. These are long, thick and have brown to black tips with yellow stems.

Leaves are long, feathery, smooth green. 15-85cm long with 4-15mm width. Pointy ends and long and stiff throughout. Can sometimes appear red towards base but this is rare.

Fruit is blue to purple and 4-10mm in diameter with 3-4 shiny black seeds that persist months after flowering.



Long, feathery shrub with flowers sticking up above the leaves. Long green pointy leaves with vibrant blue to purple inflorescences (flower clusters); up to 1.5 m high

Similar species:

Only *D. revoluta* var. *revoluta* is currently recognised for Victoria. Nodding Blue Lily *Stypandra glauca* has similar flowers, later in season; leaves form massive clump

Images courtesy of Loraine Jansen (shrub), Swan Bay Environment Association (fruit) and Neil Blair (flowers)