

Hemerocallidaceae

Dianella brevipedunculata

clumping flax lily



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ETYMOLOGY

(di-a-NELL-a) Diane + goddess of the hunt-through the woodlands; The species *brevipedunculata* (*brevis-ped-dunc-yoo-LAH-tum*) *brevi* = short with a peduncle; reference to short flower stalks;

LIFEFORM

Herb 50 cm x 1 m Spread

STATUS

Widespread but sporadic on Great Dividing Range; Northern Limit is Curtis Island SE Qld

OCCURS

Tarangabah, Miles Q, Tweed NE NSW coast (Tweed Shire);

QLD DISTRICTS

Burnett, Darling Downs, Leichhardt, Maranoa, Moreton, Port Curtis, Wide Bay

HABITAT

Coastal Heath, open forest/woodlands

LEAVES

Basal, 0.5-1m x 1-2 cm, sheath conduplicate, wholly occluded distally; plaited with yellow-green regular veins on lower surface touching, with longitudinally veined

FLOWERS

Blue (3 petal + 3 sepals) anthers yellow, shorter than foliage, irregular in outline, uninterrupted; cymules expanded, (1-6-flowered) Perianth purplish blue anthers brown to black. **Flowering times** Nov, Dec

FRUIT

Berries, 5-12 mm, blue containing several black seed coat, shiny 2.5-3.5 mm seeds;

Fruiting times April, May

ROOTS

Roots fleshy fibrous; Rhizomes tuberous

STEM

Plant tufted, solitary, 8 cm stems, more or less touching. Roots fleshy-fibrous.

LANDSCAPE USES

Powerline friendly; Ornamental potential usage in landscaping; Container plant;

TOLERANCE

Frost tender

WILDLIFE

Berries eaten by possums, birds, lizards; dispersed by vertebrate;

NATIVE BEES

Flowers visited by *Megachile pluto*, *Nomia australica*

INSECTS

Aphis gossypii, *Metura elongatus* Saunders Case moth

BIRD

Australian King Parrot (Hutchison, 1993) Create a native garden for birds

BUTTERFLY

Toxidia peron Dingy Grass-skipper, *Ocybadistes walkeri* Greenish Grass-dart

INDIGENOUS USES

Berries eaten raw, slightly hot; roots pounded. Tough leaves can be used to weave dillies and baskets;

ID FEATURE

Leaves yellow-green, long distally flaccid, longer than flowers; sheaths not papillose

Flower >1.3 mm across held amongst foliage outer tepals 5-5.5 mm; Anthers up to 2 mm + inner tepals 4.5-5 mm;