

## 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.

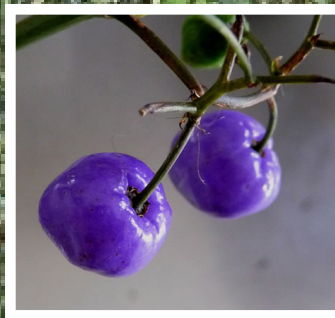
Leaves are long, feathery, smooth green. 15-85cm long with 4-15mm width. Pointy ends and long and stiff throughout. Can sometimes appear red towards base but this is rare.

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 *Stypanandra glauca* has similar flowers, later in season; leaves form massive clump

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



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