

# Phormium 'Black Adder'

## Description

Phormium 'Black Adder' is bred from Phormium cookianum 'Platt's Black', a particularly attractive dark Phormium bred in New Zealand that is known for being one of the darkest ever. This 'sport' (or natural plant mutation) has been selected because of its outstanding colour.

The results are stunning. Where Platt's Black's long slender sword-like leaves are deep, deep brown, Black Adder's are a deep burgundy black with a high gloss overlay. This glossiness accentuates its deep color and nearly eliminates sun fading.

Phormium 'Black Adder' is a strong and healthy grower, perfect for time-pressed gardeners who want performance without all the fuss. Its potential uses in the garden are many.

As an accent plant, 'Black Adder' is hard to beat. Its dark coloration and elegant architectural form are dramatic in garden beds, massed plantings and containers. As a cookianum type Phormium, its leaves are upright but not stiff and spiky like the tenax types. Black Adder's narrow leaves stand tall, with a charming drape at the tips. When mature, it grows up to 1.5m tall by 1.5m wide, medium-sized in the world of phormiums that can reach heights of 3m, or more.

Black Adder is a no-fuss herbaceous perennial that remains evergreen year-round. Rugged and easy-to-grow, 'Black Adder' is suited to exposed conditions and coastal planting. Once established, it is drought and wind-tolerant. It is less tolerant of high humidity and over-watering. Like all Phormiums, it performs best in rich, well-drained soils; though will readily take tougher conditions in its stride.

## Growing Situation and Care Notes

This plant will tolerate a very wide range of soils from heavy to light sandy soils. 'Black Adder' is quite cold tolerant, but needs protection if grown in areas with temperatures below  $-7^{\circ}\text{C}$

## Plant Dimensions

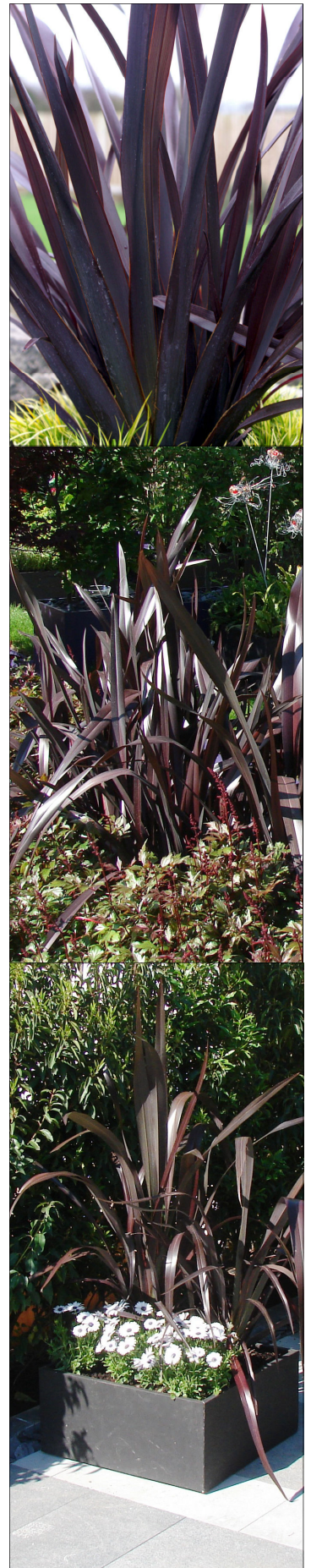
Height 1.5m Width 1.5m

## Plant:

Sun to Part Shade

## Where to Buy:

Plants Produced by Robinsons Wholesale Nursery and available from all good garden suppliers



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