

Botanical Name: Phormium tenax 'Variegatum'

Common Name: Variegated New Zealand flax

Type of Plant: monocot; shrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape large clumping plant with stiff, broad, sword-like leaves,
and a more open habit than other cultivars; large and elegant

Height to 8 ft. Spread to 8 ft. Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoor full sun or partial shade

Soil tolerates most any soil

Hardiness hardy (zones 7-9, 14-24)

Morphology:

Leaves stiff, sword-like leaves to 8 ft. long, 4" across,
medium green with yellow edges; foliage is large and arching

Flowers raceme of yellow-orange flowers held above foliage;
flowers in early spring

Fruit small capsule, cylindrical to 1" long

Propagation: division

Usage: accent for foliage color and form; excellent in large scale
plantings in masses; dramatic foliage and form make this species a strong focal
point in many landscapes

Landscape Care:

Watering takes average watering

Fertilizing balanced in spring

Pruning thin as required, remove dead flower stalks

Pests/Diseases tip burn and salt burn

Special Conditions

Origin: New Zealand Family: Agavaceae