

Botanical Name: Phormium tenax 'Apricot Queen'

Common Name: Hybrid New Zealand Flax

Type of Plant: monocot; perennial Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape clumping habit -- upright and slightly arching sword-like leaves; varieties may arch or sprawl more than the species -- varieties have stripes in yellow and/or pink on leaves

Height 2-3' Spread 2/3 - equal Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoor full/partial sun; varieties like some shade

Soil prefers moist loam -- tolerates most

Hardiness some frost--does well in hot areas

Morphology:

Leaves stiff, sword-like, 4-10' long, 3-5" wide, bronze, yellow or pink striped on stiff to soft leaves

Flowers reddish/brown, 1-2' raceme above foliage

Fruit capsule, 1" long

Propagation: division of clump

Usage: dramatic accent for form and foliage color tropical/

subtropical landscapes; varieties are good in small areas and in mass plantings

Landscape Care:

Watering regular preferred - tolerates occasional watering

Fertilizing as needed

Pruning remove dead leaves/flower stalks, thin out or divide

Pests/Diseases relatively free--may develop tip burn in hot, dry areas

Special Conditions dwarf varieties available

Origin: New Zealand Family: Agavaceae