



Dianella revoluta

Black Anther Flax Lily



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Adult Southern Grass-dart
(Fisher, R, SA Butterflies & Moths)



Adult Greenish Grass-dart
(Grund, R, SA Butterflies & Moths)

Form: Sedge or Flax **Height:** 0.2 – 0.3 m **Spread:** 0.4 – 0.5 m **Flowers:** Blue **Type:** Star **Flowering time:** Spring, Summer

Ecological functions:   

Soils: sand, clay or loam; acidic, alkaline or neutral

Germination rate: 3 to 8 weeks

Seed collecting: wearing gloves, collect fruits that are losing colour or drying off. Allow to dry. Once dry rub firmly to dislodge shiny black seeds. Store in cool dry area.

Seed treatment: seed packet will contain either pure seed or seed still in the fruit. Split fruits to release seed if necessary. Stratification by cold treatment can help break dormancy.

Sowing requirements: cover with 2 mm of damp soil and firm gently. Then cover with a layer of gravel. Sow in late Summer to early Spring. Requires well-drained soils.

Position: part shade, full sun.

Supplementary watering: minimal

Uses: border plant for median strips and roundabouts. Can be used for erosion control in exposed coastal locations. Rare food host to Southern Grass-dart (*Ocybadistes walkeri hypochlorus*) and Greenish Grass-dart (*Ocybadistes walkeri sothis*) caterpillars.

Notes: unedible, harmful if eaten. Do not consume.