



# *Dianella revoluta*

## Black Anther Flax Lily



(Elder, B, iNaturalist Australia)

**Form:** *Sedge or Flax* **Height:** 0.2 – 0.3 m **Spread:** 0.4 – 0.5 m **Flowers:** Blue



(Best, R, iNaturalist Australia)



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



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

**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.