

# PHORMIUM - New Zealand Flax

Evergreen, clumping, grasslike perennial. Part shade is best in hot valley areas. In hot inland areas, it is best to keep arching varieties in bright shade to avoid sunburn. Average to little summer water once established. Generally hardy to the low 20s. Good in containers. Varieties marked \* are the least likely to revert back to green or bronze. Be sure to remove any new growth shoots that have reverted and also remove old faded foliage.

VARIETY	FOLIAGE COLOR & HABIT	HEIGHT
<b>AMAZING RED</b>	Basal, sword shaped, brown-red foliage	2-3'
<b>APRICOT QUEEN*</b>	Slightly arching and twisting 1 ½" pale yellow leaves with green margins flush an apricot color in fall	3'
<b>ATROPURPUREUM</b>	Large upright reddish-purple form of the species <i>P. tenax</i>	6-8'
<b>BRONZE BABY*</b>	Upright, 1 ½" wide dark reddish-brown foliage curves at tips	3-4'

<b>CAROUSEL</b>	Bronze/green colored with pink-red/orange margins. Upright with drooping tips	3'
<b>CHOCOLATE</b>	Chocolate brown weeping leaves with green undertones	3'
<b>CREAM DELIGHT*</b>	2 ½" arching leaves with cream-yellow midstripe and green margins edged with red	3'
<b>DARK DELIGHT</b>	Darkest maroon.	6'
<b>DAZZLER</b>	Slightly arching, 1 ½" wide leaves are striped with deep maroon and scarlet. One of the reddist.	3'
<b>DUET*</b>	Small plant with rigid upright ¾" leaves striped bright green with cream margins. Slow growing.	2'
<b>DUSKY CHIEF*</b>	Bronzy purple to maroon red foliage, curves at the tips	3-4'

<b>FLAMINGO</b>	Compact, Arching, 1 ½' wide leaves in shades of orange, rose, light green and yellow. Similar to Maori Sunrise	24"
<b>GUARDSMAN*</b>	Upright growing with 1 ½" wide bronze-maroon leaves with scarlet margin	5'
<b>JACK SPRATT*</b>	Small upright plant with ½" narrow, twisting reddish-brown leaves.	18"
<b>MAORI CHIEF*</b>	Robust upright plant with 2 ½" wide green centered rose-red margined leaves arching at the tips	5'
<b>MAORI MAIDEN</b>	Slightly arching 1 ½" wide apricot to rose-red colored leaves with thin green margins.	2-3'
<b>MAORI QUEEN</b>	Upright with 2" wide olive green leaves edged rose-red. Edges fade to a cream color.	4'
<b>MAORI SUNRISE</b>	Slightly arching leaves of mixed tones of rose to	3'

	pale pink with bronze margins. Can revert to bronze	
<b>PHORMIUM tenax</b>	Large upright with 3-4" wide olive green leaves.	To 8'
<b>PINK STRIPE*</b>	Upright with broad bronze gray leaves edged with pink	5-6'
<b>RAINBOW WARRIOR</b>	Deep, glowing pink, turn blood red in winter with narrow green margins.	4'
<b>SHIRAZ</b>	Bronze to deeper red wine colored leaves	3'
<b>SUNDOWNER</b>	Upright, wide bronze/green leaves with rose-pink margins fading to cream in summer	5-6'
<b>SURFER*</b>	Upright ¾" wide dark olive green leaves have burgundy margins and are slightly wavy.	2'
<b>TOM THUMB*</b>	Small upright with ½" wide green leaves with bronze margins	2'
<b>TRICOLOR*</b>	Upright, dark green leaves with creamy white	4'

	edges, becomes flushed with a burgundy edge in cool weather	
<b>WILLIAMSII VARIEGATA</b>	One of the most upright in growth with stiff narrow leaves up to 6' long. Soft yellow leaf margins.	6'
<b>WINGS OF GOLD</b>	Upright. Leaves green with creamy yellow margins.	2'
<b>YELLOW WAVE*</b>	Arching 2" wide leaves with a central brilliant yellow band that fades to green in fall	3-4'

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