

Blueberry Lily



Scientific name: *Dianella revoluta*

Aboriginal name: Mangard (Noongar)



Plant habit



Berries



Open flower

About ...

A hardy evergreen plant which grows in clumps. It sends out horizontal roots (rhizomes) which then send up shoots for a new plant. It can form large, spreading colonies. After fire, plants can regrow from rhizomes under the ground and quickly re-colonise areas.

It is a very hardy plant which is drought and frost resistant. Blueberry Lily grows in many different conditions, in sclerophyll, woodland and mallee forests and is native to the South West of WA and across all other states of Australia except the Northern Territory.

The wiry stems, which rise above the foliage, branch into several stems, each with a flower. The flowers open one at a time and last for one day.

It grows in most soil types; however, it prefers soil high in nutrients.

Family	HEMEROCALLIDACEAE
Climate	Temperate to dry
Habitat	Provides a good understorey in moist forests, dry woodlands, rainforests and along coastal dunes
Form	Clumping Height: 1 m Width: 1.5 m
Foliage	Strappy, grass-like leaves Very tough Grow to about 140 mm long
Flower	Kambarang to Bunuru (Spring to Summer) Small, purple, blue or lilac Six petals with a yellow and black centre Rise above the foliage on wiry stems
Fruit	Birak (December to January) Pale or dark blue-purple Round in shape Size: 5 – 15 mm Fleshy with 3 to 4 small, black seeds Seeds dispersed by birds

Aboriginal Uses



- Fruits can be eaten raw; they have a sweet flavour which becomes nutty when seeds are chewed
- Roots can be pounded, roasted and then eaten
- Leaves are used to make string and cord for binding

Developed by SERCUL for use with the *Bush Tucker Education Program*.



Used as food



Used as medicine



Used as resources



Local to SW WA

Caution: Do not prepare bush tucker food without having been shown by Indigenous or experienced persons. Some bush tucker if eaten in large quantities or not prepared correctly can cause illness.

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