

Noongar Name: Mangar
Scientific Name: Dianella Revoluta
Common Name: Wavy Flax Lily
Blueberry Lily



Leaves: firm, strappy leaves

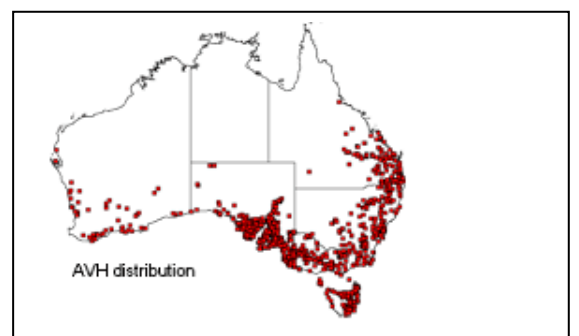
Flowers: six blue-lilac petals curl backward, while yellow and brown filaments and anthers spray the other way

Fruit: edible sweet blue-purple berries from 4-10mm in diameter with tiny, nutty seeds

Size: Height – 1m Width – 1.5m

Location: forests, woodland and mallee regions in southwest WA and other Australian states, except for the Northern Territory.

Attracts Wildlife: birds, bees, insects



Usage:

- leaves were traditionally used for cord and string
- fruit can be enjoyed fresh or cooked in sweet or savoury dishes
- plant root can be pounded and roasted for eating
- traditionally used as a tea ingredient in Aboriginal medicine
- both root and leaf were used to remedy colds and headaches, respectively

Interesting Facts:

- flowers only last for a day
- Scientific name comes from **Dianella** – ‘Diana’ Roman Goddess of the hunt, often associated with woodlands, and the suffix ‘ella’ meaning small and **revoluta**– derived from ‘revolute’, referring to the leaves in-rolled margins

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