



Dianella Cherry Red™

Some plants have a headstart over others: size, flowers, foliage texture, colour, perfume. But maybe the single most important character is function, with reliability a close second. Cherry Red has most of these assets in spades and throws in another, beautiful blue fruit which any Satin Bowerbird would crave. Handsome strap foliage reaches about 75cm high, forming a clump the same width. Striking cherry red leaf bases and graceful flower stems catch the eye, with deep blue flowers adding a zingy contrast in late spring and summer. Its a multi-purpose plant, eye-catching in containers or planted as borders along driveways or path edges, and mass planted in large beds for strong simple effect. Cool temperate to tropical climates and well drained soils will suit it, frost is of little concern, but some protection from salt wind is needed if planted by the coast.



Quick Info:

Genus/Species: Dianella tasmanica selection

Cultivar Name: Cherry Red

Habit: Graceful broad foliaged lily

Plant Type: Grasses

Height (m): 50-100cm

Width (m): none

Frost Tolerance: Medium

Growth Rate: Medium

Position: Full Sun to Part Shade

Flower Information: Masses of blue & yellow flowers in spring; followed by purple berries in summer

Foliage Information: Graceful; broad foliage

Cultivation: Well drained to moist clay loams gravelly or humus-rich sandy soils neutral to acid pH

Fertiliser: Low P required at around 1.6%

Climate: Cold temperate to sub tropical climates

Maintenance: Trim spent flower stems; Feed with low phosphorus native fertilizer early spring or late summer



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