

# Harakeke (Flax)

*Phormium tenax*



full sun



shade



wet



dry

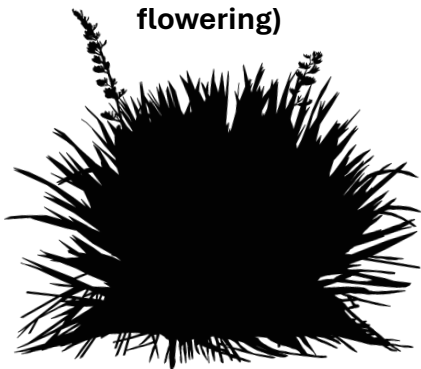


frost



wind

**Max height: 2 m**  
(up to 6 m tall when  
flowering)



## Form

Numerous leaves from fan-like bases. Tall flower stalks.

## Where to plant



forest



shrubland



wetland



riparian

## Leaves

- Sword-like leaves that fan out from a central point
- Tough and strap-like
- Up to 2-3 m long



## Flowers

- Dull red, sometimes pink or yellow
- Tubular
- 25-50 mm long
- Bird pollinated



## Fruit/seeds

- Capsules 50-100 mm long
- Dark green, red-green or black
- Seeds are black
- Elliptical shape 9-10 mm x 4-5 mm
- April



Foundation species – *plant first*

Southland species – *plant local*

