

## **Phormium (*Agavaceae*)**



### **tenax**

Origin: New Zealand. Rhizomatous, evergreen perennial which forms very decorative thick and wide tufts of long sword-shaped leaves. When the plant is adult it produces a long, dull red, unattractive inflorescence which is best removed. No special requirements regarding soil, grows well even in dry and sandy soil. Very tolerant of maritime exposure (in New Zealand it is considered to be a "front line" plant because of its ability to withstand salty winds). Most popular in gardens near the sea to form groups, borders and

hedges, but they also grow well in pots and troughs on patios, in conservatories or outside shops.

### **tenax "Atropurpureum"**

Very similar to *Phormium tenax*, but with brownish-red leaves.



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### **tenax "Variegatum"**

Identical to tenax, but has leaves with full-length, broad, yellow margins; external leaves droop gracefully.

### **tenax "Black Adder"**

Leaves a bright, strong red.





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**tenax "Bronze Baby"**

Dwarf-like. Bronze leaves with curved tips.

**tenax "Pink Panther"**

Leaves pink in the centre, green margins.





### **tenax "Surfer"**

Narrow dark green leaves, with bronze margins.

### **tenax "Surfer Bronze"**

Leaves green in centre, with brownish-red margins.





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**tenax "Yellow Wave"**

Leaves golden in centre, with green margins.