



Dianella caerulea "Little Jess"

Description; Compact, clumping ornamental plant similar in habit to a dwarf, non-invasive bamboo.

Grows to; 40cm

Foliage; Glossy green foliage, with elevated bluish-purple flowers in spring, followed by attractive purple berries.

Position; Tolerates a wide range of soils and climatic requirements. Suited to full sun, as well as shady positions. Very hardy, exhibiting excellent drought and frost tolerance. Little Jess is even more drought tolerant than Breeze and other *Dianella caerulea*s.

Low Maintenance; Little or no maintenance required. Plant in well mulched garden. Fertilise with slow release once a year in spring. Trim if required every 8 years to remove older leaves. Water well until established.

Comments; *Dianella caerulea* is known as one of the most drought tolerant, adaptable Australian native plants. Underground rhizomes ensure excellent cold survival. It has been tested in the frosts of Canberra, and the humidity of Cairns, with brilliant performance. It will brown off in Canberra in winter and will stay evergreen in moderate frost areas.

