



Cordyline petiolaris – family: DRACAENACEAE

BROAD-LEAVED PALM LILY



Tall narrow palm lily 2m to 6m
Spikes of tiny purple flowers followed by edible red fruits

Cultivation: Hardy and adaptable in all soil types; best in semi-shade with ample moisture during dry spells; dislikes heavy frosts.

This elegant Palm Lily can be found in rainforests from N.E. NSW to S.E. Qld and will grow in adjacent open forests. Its adaptability in a wide range of conditions makes it hardy under cultivation. The leaves are deep, glossy green up to half a metre long. The



The small white to purple flowers occur in winter and spring in clusters. They are followed by brilliant red berries which are the most attractive feature of the plant. Plants kept in containers will remain quite short and can be kept inside for long periods. Propagation can be carried out from seed which germinates readily. Division of larger plants is also a useful method of propagation and stem cuttings also strike readily.

