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*Phormium*

*Hemerocallidaceae*

[*Agavaceae/Liliaceae/Phormiaceae*]

*Phormium* is derived from Greek *phormo-* (mat, basket) component with reference to the traditional Maori use of the leaf fibres of New Zealand-flax (*Phormium tenax*) particularly for weaving.

Several species gave the Maoris a source of leaf fibre for cordage, fishing lines and matting.