

# King Alfred®

*Dianella caerulea* 'JOHN316' (b)

## STRAPPY LEAF PLANTS

**King Alfred® Dianella has one of the highest recorded soil strengthening capabilities of any plant.**

- It is the best erosion control plant, strengthening the soil an impressive 752% (2007 Paananen, Layt; Study).
- King Alfred® Dianella needs to be cut back every 1–2 years to encourage new growth. As this is a fast growing Dianella, it needs cutting back more often, but it responds very well to being cut back. If it is not cut back every 2 years (minimum), it can get overgrown and be short lived. With regular pruning it is a reliable, long lived, tidy Dianella.
- It has short canes and sometimes no canes. This removes the problem of messy, tall canes that can cause some Dianella plants to fall over.
- The King Alfred® plant isn't as good in drought conditions as other Dianellas such as the Little Jess™ and Lucia™ plants. It is still much better than many other plants in these conditions.
- This Dianella is good for rain gardens.

<b>Description</b>	Dense, compact blue green foliage
<b>Density</b>	2–4 plants per m <sup>2</sup> 1.5–2 per linear metre
<b>Height &amp; Width</b>	70cm x 70cm
<b>Flowering</b>	Purple & yellow flowers that reach 1m high from September–November
<b>Best Planting Time</b>	March–November
<b>Uses</b>	Mass planting or specimen planting
<b>Position</b>	Full sun to moderate shade; tolerates humidity, cold and moderate drought
<b>Soil Type</b>	Wide variety of soils; avoid very poor soil
<b>Care</b>	Water as required for 8–13 weeks until established; trim back to base every 1–2 years; use a slow release fertiliser in spring if required
<b>Where it Works</b>	NSW, ACT, QLD, VIC, SA, WA & TAS

