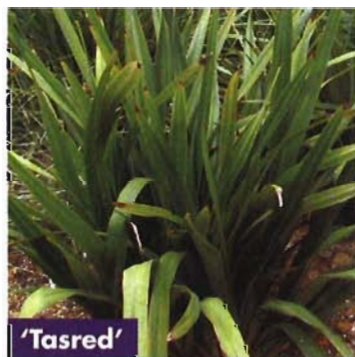


Tough As Nails Border Plants Quick Hits

You may or may not be aware of the new Instant Border system for growing and using border plants and turfgrasses developed by VersaScapes, Mount Pleasant, S.C. It is a unique system allowing consumers and landscapers to easily install an established plant border in curving, winding or straight areas.

Instant Border uses a "strip" planting system and each package contains a ready-to-use, bendable, elongated "plug" of healthy, established border-type plant. Each unit yields 6.5 feet of planting material and each flat holds up to four strips. The system offers many benefits for both professionals and home gardeners.

Here are a few of the great varieties available for 2005.

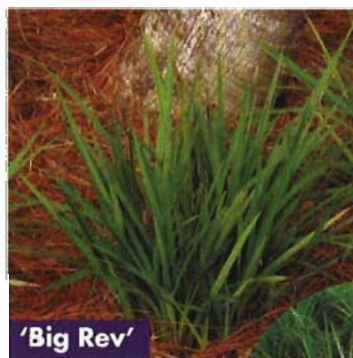


'Tasred'

■ *Dianella tasmanica* 'Tasred' is a wide textured, strappy leaved, ornamental flax lily with beautiful green/red contrasting foliage color. Drought tolerant when established, the plant also tolerates heavy frost and humid conditions, is

evergreen for Zones 8b-11 and has been reported perennial through Zone 6.

■ *Dianella revoluta* 'Little Rev' is a distinctive blue-hued, tough plant with arching, strap-like leaves that have slightly rolled back margins. Its greatest asset is its unique blue color and semi-dwarf habit. It is a great alternative for shrubs, liriopie and ground cover, featuring



'Big Rev'



'Little Rev'

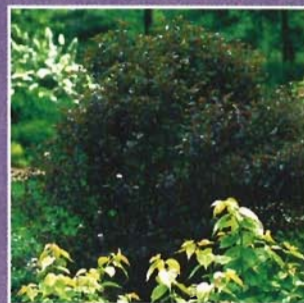
Customers Will Love Summer Wine

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Spring Meadow Nursery has released physocarpus 'Summer Wine.' An exciting new improvement to Ninebark, it combines the fine texture and compact branching of Physocarpus 'Nana' with the dark foliage of physocarpus 'Diabolo.'

'Summer Wine' is an easy way for your customers to introduce dark purple foliage into the garden. It is fast growing with few pest problems and is excellent as a bold accent or part of a mixed border.

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blue and white flowers in spring and summer, followed by glossy, dark blue berries. 'Little Rev' is extremely drought-tolerant when established.

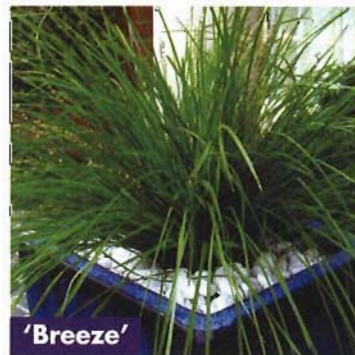
For a larger plant, check out 'Big Rev.'

■ *Dianella caerulea* 'CassaBlue' is a distinctive, compact soft blue plant with an impressive display of cobalt blue and yellow-throated flowers in early spring to summer. CassaBlue tolerates the same conditions as Tasred and should be spaced 2 to 3 feet for best performance as a mass, group or border planting. It also makes an excellent container or single specimen plant.



'Cassa Blue'

■ *Lomandra longifolia* 'Breeze' is an improved fine-leaved, tough and shiny form with attractive sterile yellow flower heads in spring. This is one of the most versatile ornamental grass-like plants available, and is a top choice for commercial and highway plantings. It also makes an excellent specimen in garden beds and borders. ☘



'Breeze'

For more information about the Instant Border system from VersaScapes, visit www.versascapes.com or call 843-849-1272.