

Gymnostachys anceps

(Araceae)

- Common name:** Settlers flax.
- Localities:** Kholo Creek, Moggill State Forest, Grandview Rd.
- Growth form:** An erect, grassy perennial with tuberous roots.
- Foliage:** Leaves are long and grassy, 1 m or more long, 1-3 cm wide.
- Flowers and fruit:** The inflorescence is carried on a flattened stem to 2 m tall and consists of several narrow but compact branches bearing insignificant flowers. The fruit is about 8 mm long and is black when ripe.
- Habitat:** Margins of dry rainforest, generally in shady situations.
- Propagation and Management:** Propagated from fresh seed or by dividing old clumps. Grows well in shade and requires free drainage.
- General:** Leaves contain very strong fibres and were used by Aborigines and early settlers as twine.

