

LIBERTIA 'Taupo Blaze'

Origin: Selected by Lyndale Nurseries Auckland Ltd, Auckland, New Zealand.

Species: *Libertia ixioides*

Protection Status: US PP# 18,486; COPF Restricted

Characteristics:

'**Taupo Blaze**' is a superior selection, of 'Taupo Sunset' a bright & colorful *Libertia ixioides* seedling originally selected for its fantastic winter foliage color. In autumn the spiky sword-like foliage of '**Taupo Blaze**' changes from green through yellow/orange to strong orange with burnt red highlights. This selection has very pronounced scarlet autumn foliage color. To complement the colorful foliage, clusters of pure white star-like flowers are produced in spring, followed by attractive orange/red berries in autumn. This colorful little plant really packs a punch & is ideal to provide year round interest in the perennial border or as a colorful low maintenance pot or container plant on the deck or patio. Hardy.

Hardiness: Hardy to USDA Zones 7-11.

Bloom: Profusions of pure white star like flowers from mid spring

Foliage: Spiky sword like foliage. Green through yellow-orange in summer. Strong orange with burnt-red highlights in fall.

Habit: Compact clumping habit 0.6 x 0.6m.

Propagation: TC, division. *License required for propagation.*

Culture: Moist, fertile soils. Full sun to light shade.

Production time: 8-12 weeks from tissue culture to 2" liner. 16-24 weeks from tissue culture to finished 8" pot.

