Few other cold hardy plants come close to providing the form and texture of New Zealand flax, grasses and Astelia.

Phormium (Flax) are a genus of two species of clump-forming perennials with long sword-shaped leaves, *P. cookianum* (Wharariki) with a smaller habit and arching leaves is also known as Mountain Flax, and *P. tenax* (Harakeke) with a larger growth habit and upright leaves is also known as the Swamp Flax. *Phormium* make excellent garden plants that can be grown as specimens, in containers, as foliage contrast in a mixed planting, or as shelter. They will grow in any reasonable soil, tolerate extremes of heat and cold, salt air, ocean spray and damp conditions.

There are many varieties of grasses available which can be used as garden or pathway edging, accents amongst other plants, or for large area plantings to add coverage and gentle movement to a site. *Astelia* have distinctive sword-shaped leaves with strong structural form and are a valuable addition to any garden. Superb stand-out feature plant, giving added texture and contrast to shrubberies, rockeries and container plantings.

**Phormium (Flax)**
- *Phormium cookianum* green
- *P. cookianum* ‘Platts Black’ purple-black
- *P. cookianum* ‘Jester’ pink/lime stripe
- *P. cookianum* ‘Rainbow Red’ Red
- *P. ‘Black Rage’* bronze/black
- *P. cookianum* ‘Emerald Gem’ dwarf green
- *P. cookianum* ‘Jack Spratt’ dwarf bronze/red
- *P. cookianum* ‘Purpurea’ purple
- *Phormium Tenax* red
- *Phormium tenax* ‘Purpurea’ green

**Astelia**
- *Astelia banksii* Wharawhara/Coastal Astelia
- *Astelia chathamica* Chatham Island Astelia
- *Astelia chathamica* ‘Silver Spear’
- *Astelia nervosa* Kakaha/Mountain Astelia
- *Astelia nervosa* ‘Westland’ Red Mountain Astelia
- *Astelia ‘Rebel’*

**Grasses**
- *Acorus gramineus* ‘Ogon’ Slender Sweet Flag
- *Anemanthele lessoniana* Wind/Gossamer Grass
- *Apodasmia similis* Oio/Jointed Rush
- *Carex comans* Sedge/Tussock
- *Carex buchananii* Leatherleaf Sedge
- *Carex flagellifera* Glenn Murray Tussock
- *Carex secta* Pukio/Green Swamp Grass
- *Carex testacea* Orange Sedge
- *Carex virgata* Tussock Sedge
- *Chionochloa flavidans* Dwarf Toe Toe
- *Festuca actae* ‘Banks Peninsula Blue’ Blue Tussock
- *Poa cita* Silver Tussock
| **PHORMIUM COOKIANUM ‘PLATT’S BLACK’** | **ACORUS GRAMINEUS ‘OGON’** |
| Mountain Flax | **Slender Sweet Flag** |
| E.H. 1m x E.W. 1m | E.H. 20cm x E.W. 20cm |

| **PHORMIUM COOKIANUM ‘RAINBOW RED’** | **ANEMANTHELE LESSONIANA** |
| Mountain Flax | **Wind/Gossamer Grass** |
| E.H. 1m x E.W. 1m | E.H. 1.5m x E.W. 1.5m |

| **FESTUCA ACTAE ‘BANKS PENINSULA BLUE’** | **ASTELIA CHATHAMICA** |
| **Blue Tussock Grass** | **Bush Flax** |
| E.H. 30cm x E.W. 30cm | E.H. 1.5m x E.W. 1.5m |