

## Cordyline australis

### Scientific Name

*Cordyline australis* (G. Forst.) Endl.

### Synonyms

*Dracaena australis* G. Forst.  
*Dracaenopsis australis* (G. Forst.) Planch.  
*Terminalis australis* (G. Forst.) Kunth

### Family

Agavaceae (Victoria)  
Asteliaceae (New South Wales)  
Dracaenaceae (Queensland)

### Common Names

cabbage tree, cabbage palm, cabbagetree, dracaena palm, fountain dracaena, giant dracaena, grass palm, New Zealand cabbage tree, New Zealand cabbage-tree, NZ cabbage tree, palm lily

### Naturalised Distribution

Naturalised in some parts of south-eastern Australia (i.e. naturalised in southern Victoria and south-eastern South Australia and sparingly naturalised in New South Wales).

### Notes

This species is regarded as an emerging environmental weed in Victoria. It has become naturalised in conservation areas, including in rainforest near Mallacoota in south-eastern Victoria.



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habit (Photo: Sheldon Navie)



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trunk (Photo: Sheldon Navie)



large strap-like leaves (Photo: Sheldon Navie)



relatively broad leaf bases (Photo: Sheldon Navie)



massive branched flower cluster (Photo: Rob and Fiona Richardson)



flowers (Photo: Rob and Fiona Richardson)



close-up of flowers (Photo: Rob and Fiona Richardson)



old flower clusters with young fruit (Photo: Sheldon Navie)



close-up of immature fruit (Photo: Rob and Fiona Richardson)



*Cordyline stricta*, one of the native cordylines, is smaller in

stature with smaller flower clusters (Photo: Sheldon Navie)