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.
Cordyline stricta, one of the native cordylines, is smaller in
stature with smaller flower clusters (Photo: Sheldon Navie)