



*Agave sp.* Tolerant of alkaline soils and arid conditions. A good barrier fence plant and fire retardant. The commercial source of sisal fibre and some species are made into tequila. Nannup, Western Australia.



Utility: European beech (*Fagus sylvatica*). Ancient hedge. Note that the trunks have pleached together forming one living organism. Winkworth Arboretum, England. (photo: Claire Everette)



Pride of Madeira, (*Echium candicans*) will tolerate: coastal; windswept; alkaline sites and is an excellent early spring bee forage plant. Stanley, Tasmania, Australia.



Bullrush (*Typha sp.*) with (*Taxodium distichum*) in the background. Longstock, England. (photo: Claire Everette)



Water chestnut (*Eleocharis dulcis*) growing in pond, with taro (*Colocasia esculenta*) growing on banks. Busselton, Western Australia.