

NFC NEWS

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CELOSIA



Celosia argentea pyramidalis



Celosia spicata



Celosia argentea cristata

Botanical name: Three species are used as cut flowers: *Celosia argentea pyramidalis*, *C. argentea cristata* and *C. spicata*

Family: Amaranthaceae

Common names: Prince of Wales Feather (*C. argentea pyramidalis*), Cockscomb (*C. argentea cristata*), Wheat Celosia (*C. spicata*).

Country of Origin: Africa, Asia

Available: All Year, mainly spring to summer

Stem Length: 30 to 60 cm

Celosias are truly weird flowers, and the question is immediately raised: how can flowers that are called the same name look so different? Prince of Wales feather looks exactly like brightly red, orange, yellow or pink-coloured pampas grass, while Cockscomb looks like a psychedelic brain, or a piece of coral.

It comes in bright pinks and reds and is circular with twisted, soft velvet ridges. You'll know it if you see it – no other cut flower looks quite like it! *C. spicata* looks like white, purple or pink-coloured heads of wheat.

WHEN BUYING LOOK FOR:

- Buy when the flowers are fully developed and are brightly coloured;
- Buds do not open in the vase;
- Avoid bunches with yellow leaves.

FLOWER CARE:

1. Keep cool at all times.
2. Strip leaves from the lower half of each stem and wash stem ends thoroughly.
3. Leaves turn yellow and rot before flowers wilt, so strip as many leaves off as possible.
4. Recut at least 2 cm off each stem and place in water immediately.

5. Always use a preservative as this will help keep open flowers looking fresh.
6. Replace vase water with fresh preservative every day.

DRYING TIPS: Cut feathers and cockscombs when the blooms are fully developed. Tape the stems upside down to a coat hanger and cover the blooms with an open brown paper bag to obtain the richest colors. Hang in a dark, draft-free place for three weeks until fully dried.

did you know that the name Celosia comes from the greek word "kelos" meaning "burned" referring to the flower's colour.

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did you know that according to the "language of flowers" celosia means "silliness"

for more information on flowers log onto www.marketfresh.com.au



VICFRESH 2007 - SATURDAY, 3 MARCH CROWN PALLADIUM: TICKETS ON SALE !

VicFresh 2007 is just around the corner and our entertainment will be the FABULOUS SINGLETTES, who will sing up a 60's storm, with dance moves to die for, frocks galore and beehives that are a triumph of hairspray over gravity! For all enquiries and bookings please ring Nancy on 9258 6108.

THIS WEEK'S PRICES

NAME	STEMS PER BUNCH	PRICE RANGE
ACHILLEA	10	\$2.50 TO \$3.50
AGAPANTHUS	7	\$3.50
AGERATUM	10	\$4.00 TO \$5.00
ALLIUM - DRUMSTICK	5	\$6.00
ALLIUM - GIANT	PER STEM	\$5.00 TO \$6.00
ALSTROEMERIA	SML - 7, LGE - 10	\$2.50 TO \$6.00
AMARANTHUS	10	\$7.00 TO \$8.50
ANDROMEDA	5	\$5.00 TO \$6.00
ANEMONE	10	\$3.00 TO \$4.00
ANTHURIUM	PER STEM	\$4.50
ASTERS		\$2.50
ARUM LILIES	5	\$1.50 TO \$5.00
BANKSIA - BAXTERI	PER STEM	\$1.20 TO \$2.50
BANKSIA - COCCINEA	5	\$5.00
BANKSIA - SPECIOSA	PER STEM	\$1.20 TO \$2.00
BILLY BUTTONS	5	\$3.00 TO \$4.00
BLUSHING BRIDE	5	\$4.00 TO \$5.00
BOUVARDIA		\$3.00 TO \$7.00
BRUNIA	5	\$4.00 TO \$10.00
CALENDULA	10	\$2.50 TO \$4.00
CAMPANULA - BELLFLOWER	10	\$6.50
CAMPANULA - CANTERBURY BELL		\$4.50 TO \$7.00
CARNATION - MICRO	10	\$2.00 TO \$3.50
CARNATION - FIELD		\$1.50 TO \$3.00
CARNATION - SPRAY		\$2.50 TO \$5.50
CARNATION - CHINESINI	10-15	\$2.50 TO \$3.50
CARNATION - FIELD		\$1.50 TO \$2.50
CARNATION - SIM		\$3.00 TO \$4.00
CELOSIA - COCKSCOMB	5	\$4.00 TO \$5.00
CHINCERINCHEE	5	\$4.00 TO \$7.00
CHRYSANTHEMUM - FIELD		\$2.50 TO \$3.50
CHRYSANTHEMUM - GLASSHOUSE	5-7	\$4.00 TO \$5.00
COSMOS		\$2.00
DAHLIA	5	\$3.00 TO \$3.50
DAISY		\$2.50 TO \$3.50
DELPHINIUM - GIANT	5	\$6.00 TO \$8.00
DELPHINIUM - BUTTERFLY	5	\$5.00 TO \$6.00
EASTER DAISY		\$2.50 TO \$3.50
ECHINOPS	5	\$5.00
EMILLE	10	\$3.50 TO \$4.50
EREMURUS	10	\$5.00 TO \$8.00
ERICA - GREEN	5	\$5.00 TO \$6.50
ERYNGIUM (SEA HOLLY)		\$5.00 TO \$6.50
EVERLASTING DAISY		\$2.00
FREESIA	10	\$4.00 TO \$5.00
GERBERA	10	\$5.00 TO \$10.00
GERBERA - MINI	10	\$3.50 TO \$5.50
GLADIOLI	10	\$6.00 TO \$10.00
GLORIOSA LILY	3	\$5.00 TO \$15.00
GODETIA	10	\$2.50 TO \$3.50
GYPSOPHILA - STANDARD		\$3.00 TO \$5.00
GYPSY		\$3.00
HELICONIA	5	\$6.00
HELICONIA CLAW	PER STEM	\$4.00 TO \$7.50
HELICONIA SEXY	PER STEM	\$7.50 TO \$10.00
HYACINTH - GRAPE	10	\$5.00
HYDRANGEA	5	\$4.00 TO \$6.00
HYPOCALYMA (WHITE MYRTLE)		\$4.00 TO \$5.00
IRIS	10	\$3.00 TO \$5.00
ISOPOGON	10	\$4.00 TO \$5.00
IXODIA DAISY		\$3.50
KALMIA	5	\$3.50 TO \$7.00
KANGAROO PAW - BLACK		\$8.00
KANGAROO PAW - STANDARD	10	\$5.50
KUNZEA		\$4.50
LARKSPURS	5	\$3.00 TO \$4.00
LAVENDER		\$3.50
LEUCADENDRON	5	\$2.00 TO \$5.00
LEUCADENDRON - DISCOLOUR	5	\$4.00 TO \$5.00
LEUCADENDRON - GALAPINI	5	\$4.50
LEUCADENDRON - SILVAN RED	5	\$3.00 TO \$5.00
LEUCODENDRON - SILVER TREE		\$3.00
LEUCOSPERMUM - REFLEXUM	5	\$3.00 TO \$5.00
LEUCOSPERMUM - TANGO	5	\$6.00
LIANARTIS	10	\$4.50 TO \$5.50
LIATRIS	10	\$3.50 TO \$7.00
LILY - ASIATIC	5	\$3.00 TO \$5.50
LILY - LONGIFLORUM	5	\$9.00 TO \$12.00
LILY - ORIENTAL	4-5	\$9.00 TO \$12.00
LILY - LA	5	\$3.00 TO \$6.00
LISIANTHUS	7-10	\$5.00 TO \$7.50
LOPHOSTEMON	5	\$4.50
LOTUS PODS		\$3.00
MISTY		\$4.00 TO \$5.00

NAME	STEMS PER BUNCH	PRICE RANGE
MIXED NATIVE BUNCHES		\$4.50 TO \$7.00
NIGELLA (LOVE IN THE MIST)		\$3.00
ORCHID - SINGAPORE	5	\$4.00 TO \$8.00
ORCHID - SLIPPER	PER BLOOM	\$6.50
ORCHID - TIGER	5	\$11.50
POKERS	5	\$3.00 TO \$5.00
PROTEA - KING	PER STEM	\$2.00 TO \$3.00
PROTEA - PINK ICE		\$2.50 TO \$6.50
QUEEN FABIOLA	10	\$2.00
RICEFLOWER	10	\$4.50
ROSE - 30CM	10	\$3.00 TO \$6.00
ROSE - 40CM	10	\$4.00 TO \$7.00
ROSE - 50CM	10	\$5.00 TO \$8.00
ROSE - 60CM	10	\$6.00 TO \$9.00
ROSE - 70CM+	10	\$7.00 TO \$10.00
ROSE - MINI	10	\$4.50 TO \$6.50
SAFFRON	10	\$4.50 TO \$5.50
SANDERSONIA		\$8.00
SCABIOSA	10	\$2.50
SNAPDRAGON	10	\$2.50 TO \$4.50
STATIC		\$2.50 TO \$3.00
STATIC - GLASSHOUSE		\$5.00
STRELITZIA - BIRD OF PARADISE	5	\$9.00 TO \$15.00
SUNFLOWERS	5	\$4.00
SWEETPEA		\$4.50 TO \$5.50
SWEET WILLIAM		\$2.00 TO \$3.00
TRACHELIUM		\$4.50
TULIPS	5	\$6.00
VERONICA	10	\$3.00 TO \$4.00
WARATAH - DORRIGO	5	\$5.00 TO \$10.00
WATER LILIES	5	\$5.00
WAXFLOWER - OPEN	10	\$4.00
WAX FLOWER - BUDS		\$3.00
FOLIAGE		
ACACIA APHYLLA		\$5.50 TO \$6.50
ASPIDISTRA		\$3.00
AZALEA (MOLLIS)	5	\$4.00 TO \$6.00
BANANA LEAF	20	\$20.00
BLACKBERRY FOLIAGE	10	\$4.50
BULLRUSHES	4	\$5.00 TO \$6.00
BUXUS	7	\$3.00 TO \$3.50
CAMELLIA		\$4.50 TO \$5.00
CHRISTMAS BUSH		\$6.00 TO \$7.00
COLOURED STICKS	6	\$25.00
CORDYLINE	10	\$4.50 TO \$5.00
CROTON		\$5.00 TO \$6.00
CUMQUAT		\$5.00
DOGWOOD		\$8.00 TO \$10.00
DRYANDRA	5	\$4.50
EUNOMYMUS	7	\$5.00
FAN PALM	10	\$5.00
FILICA		\$4.00
FLAX		\$3.50 TO \$7.50
GERANIUM		\$2.50 TO \$3.50
GERBERA FOLIAGE		\$2.00
GINGER FOLIAGE		\$6.00
GUM		\$2.50
HAPPY PLANT	10	\$6.00
HIMALAYAN HONEYSUCKLE		\$7.50
HOLLY	5-6	\$5.50
HOSTA LEAVES		\$4.00
HYDIE FOLIAGE	5-6	\$4.00
HYPERICUM BERRIES	10	\$5.50 TO \$7.50
KOALA FERN	10	\$4.50
LAUREL		\$4.50
LEATHER FERN		\$4.00 TO \$5.00
MING FERN		\$4.50
MONSTERIA LEAVES		\$6.50 TO \$9.00
NANDINA		\$3.50
OAK	4	\$4.00 TO \$5.00
PHILODENDRON - XANADU	5-6	\$4.00 TO \$6.00
PIMELLA		\$3.50 TO \$4.00
RED WILLOW	5	\$5.00
SILVER BUSH	5	\$3.00 TO \$5.00
SILVER TREE		\$3.00
SILVER SUEDE		\$6.00
SMOKE BUSH	5	\$5.00 TO \$6.00
SNOWBERRY		\$7.50
SPEAR GRASS		\$2.00 TO \$3.00
SPRUCE	5	\$5.00
TETRAGONA GUM NUTS	10	\$5.50 TO \$6.50
WEIGELA		\$5.00
WINTER SWEET	5	\$7.50
WOODY PEAR	PER STEM	\$1.00