

NFC NEWS

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Asters



Botanical name: Aster novi-belgii, Aster ericoides

Family: Asteraceae

Common Name: Easter Daisy, China Aster

Country of Origin: Europe

Available: All Year, particularly summer & autumn

Stem Length: 30 to 60 cm

Asters belong to the Asteraceae, with the name coming from Latin, meaning star. This is an apt description of these flowers, which have many elliptical petals surrounding a round yellow flower centre. The flower centres contain the anthers and pollen, so can look a little shaggy in older flowers. Petal colours are white, pink or mauve. Asters are popular during Easter-time for traditional arrangements.

Aster are all grown in the field. In Australia they are grown close to the capital cities, particularly in Victoria (Dandenong Ranges and Mornington Peninsula) due to its relatively cool climate with low humidity and the hills west of Sydney.

When Buying Look for:

- At least half the flowers should be fully open
- Round flowers with unblemished petals.
- Foliage should be firm and green, with no sign of yellowing.

Flower Care

1. Keep cool! Never place in full sun.
2. Break bunches apart.
3. Strip leaves from the bottom half of each stem and wash stems thoroughly.
4. Recut at least 2 cm off each stem and place in cold water.
5. Use a preservative as this will keep flowers looking fresh.
6. Replace vase water with fresh preservative every day.

Interesting Facts and Myths

During the Middle Ages, the English had two names for this flower: asters and starworts. Aster is Latin for star, and referred to its star-like shape, while wort means root, and was given to all plants with healing properties.

It was also thought believed that burning Aster leaves drove away serpents.

In the Language of Flowers, asters symbolise love, or daintiness.

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

Valentines Day POS

This year's POS will consist of some banner style posters, wobblers and of course, the ever popular t-shirts. POS is **FREE** to all NFC customers and you can pick up your kit from 5.00am on Thursday, 25 January. Kits are on a first-come, first-serve basis, so be in early so you don't miss out!

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
STATICE		\$2.50 TO \$3.00
STATICE - 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