

NFC NEWS

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ECHINOPS bannaticus

Botanical name: Echinops bannaticus

Family: Asteraceae

Common names: Globe Thistle

Country of Origin: South-east Europe

Available: Spring to summer

Stem Length: 30 to 60 cm

Although there are about 120 species of Echinops, and they are a very popular garden plant in Europe, only one species, *E. bannaticus* is used as a cut flower. The common name Globe Thistle is a very good description of this rather startling looking cut flower. Flower-heads are about 2 to 3 cm across, blue, ball-shaped and are made up of many tiny star-shaped flowers, each with 5 petals. Leaves are thistle-like and spiky. Some varieties have a silvery-blue colour.

Echinops are grown in the field. Most are grown in Victoria or NSW.

When Buying Look for:

- Buy when about half the small star-shaped flowers are open, and are coloured clear blue;
- Avoid bunches with yellow leaves.

Flower Care

1. Keep cool at all times.
2. Strip leaves from the bottom half of each stem and wash thoroughly.
3. Leaves turn yellow before the flowers fade, 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 2 to 3 days.
7. Can make very good dried flowers.

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



Valentines Day POS - Available from Thursday, 25 January

This year's POS will consist of some banner style posters, wobblers, message cards 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
CELOSIA - PLUME	5	\$5.00
CHINCERINCHEE	5	\$5.00 TO \$6.00
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 TO \$5.50
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)		\$4.50 TO \$5.50
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
HYPOCALYMMA (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
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
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
TUBEROSE	5	\$6.00 TO \$8.00
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 - FLOWERING		\$3.00
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
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