

NFC NEWS

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Tuberose

Botanical name: Polianthes tuberosa

Family: Amaryllidaceae

Common Name: Tuberose

Country of Origin: Mexico

Available: Summer, late winter for imported bunches.

Stem Length: 30 to 70 cm

Tuberose stems bear long spikes with several double cream-coloured flowers opening from the bottom of the spike up. The tight buds at the top of each spike rarely open.

Flowers are about 2 to 3 cm long, trumpet-shaped and have 6 petals that fold back while opening. While there is nothing overly special about the flower display, the scent these flowers give off is extraordinary and is the main reason for their popularity.

These flowers are only available in summer, and are most commonly grown in glasshouses or polyhouses. Imported stock from India and Asia is sometimes available in August and September.

When Buying Look for:

- Two to four lower flowers are fully open;
- Bunches with strong scent;
- Avoid bunches with wilted or brown flowers or floppy stems;

Flower Care

1. Don't refrigerate.
2. Strip all leaves from the lower half of each stem.
3. Recut at least 2 cm off each stem with sharp secateurs and place in warm water immediately to help open buds.
4. Preservative is essential – this will help open buds and maintain perfume.
5. Replace water every day.
6. Tuberose are very sensitive to ethylene. Keep them away from fruit, car exhausts and cigarette smoke.
7. Remove lower flowers as they wilt and die, as they are a source of ethylene.
8. You can nip the top bud off each spike as this can help reduce stem curving.

Interesting Facts and Myths

Tuberose are also grown commercially for their fragrant oil, which is used in the perfume and cosmetics industry.

In the Language of Flowers, tuberose means 'illicit pleasures'.

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



VALENTINES DAY
14TH FEBRUARY

Valentines Day POS - Available TODAY

FREE to all NFC customers, this years kits consists of: 4 banner style posters, 6 wobblers, 100 message cards and of course, the ever popular t-shirts. Available every Tuesday and Thursday, 5am to 8am until stock runs out, so don't delay or you'll miss out!

THIS WEEK'S PRICES

| NAME | STEMS PER BUNCH | PRICE RANGE |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| AGAPANTHUS | 7 | \$3.50 |
| AGERATUM | 10 | \$4.00 TO \$5.00 |
| ALLIUM - DRUMSTICK | 5 | \$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 TO \$3.50 |
| BANKSIA - BAXTERI | PER STEM | \$1.20 TO \$2.50 |
| BANKSIA - COCCINEA | 5 | \$5.00 |
| BANKSIA - SPECIOSA | PER STEM | \$1.20 TO \$2.00 |
| BOUVARDIA | | \$3.00 TO \$7.00 |
| BRUNIA | 5 | \$4.00 TO \$10.00 |
| CALLA LILY | 5 | \$5.00 |
| 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 |
| DAHLIA - POM POM | | \$2.00 |
| 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 |
| ECHINACEA | | \$6.50 |
| ECHINOPS | 5 | \$5.00 TO \$6.50 |
| EMILLE | 10 | \$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 |
| EUCOMIS (PINEAPPLE LILY) | 5 | \$5.00 |
| FRESIA | 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 |
| IRIS | 10 | \$3.00 TO \$5.00 |
| ISOPOGON | 10 | \$4.00 TO \$5.00 |
| IXODIA DAISY | | \$3.50 |
| 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 |

| NAME | STEMS PER BUNCH | PRICE RANGE |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| LOPHOSTEMON | 5 | \$4.50 |
| LOTUS PODS | | \$3.00 |
| MISTY | | \$4.00 TO \$5.00 |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| TUBEROSE | 5 | \$4.00 TO \$8.00 |
| VERONICA | 10 | \$3.00 TO \$4.00 |
| WARATAH - DORRIGO | 5 | \$5.00 TO \$10.00 |
| WATER LILIES | 5-7 | \$5.00 TO \$8.00 |
| 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 |
| CLETHRA | | \$5.50 |
| COLOURED STICKS | 6 | \$25.00 |
| CORDYLINE | 10 | \$4.50 TO \$5.00 |
| FAN PALM | 10 | \$5.00 |
| FILICA | | \$4.00 |
| FLAX | | \$3.50 TO \$7.50 |
| 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 | \$5.00 TO \$7.00 |
| 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 | \$5.50 TO \$6.50 |
| 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 |