

# NFC NEWS

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## Nerines

**Botanical name:** *Nerine bowdenii*,  
*N. sarniensis*

**Family:** Amaryllidaceae

**Common Name:** Nerine, Guernsey  
Lily, Spider Lily

**Country of Origin:** South Africa

**Available:** March to May

**Stem Length:** 30 to 60 cm

Despite the common names, nerines are not true lilies.

Another South African flower, there are about 30 species of nerine growing in the wild. The nerines we see as cut flowers, however, have been bred to improve stem length and colour range. Nerines are bulb flowers with each bulb producing a single stem, with no leaves, which bears a cluster of between 5 and 12 funnel-shaped flowers at the top of the stem. They are found most commonly in pink, but also white and various shades of red.

Nerines are mostly grown in the field. They flower normally in autumn and winter. Like many bulb flowers they can be forced into flower in summer to prolong the season and grown in covered glasshouses. Most are grown in the hills close to Melbourne or Sydney.

**Types:** *Nerine bowdenii* (pink), *Nerine sarniensis* (red).

### Interesting Facts and Myths

The best known variety is the pink *Nerine bowdenii*, and is sometimes called the Jersey Lily after the 19th century English actress Lily Langtry.

### When Buying Look for:

- One bud per stem is half to fully open;
- Avoid very tight buds early in the season, or fully open flowers late in the season.

### Flower Care

1. Keep cool whenever possible.
2. Recut at least 2cm off each stem with sharp secateurs and place in water immediately.
3. Preservative is essential – this will help buds open.
4. Replace water every day.
5. Do not mist as this can encourage fungal rot.
6. Mildly sensitive to ethylene. Keep away from fruit, car exhausts and cigarette smoke.



# 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 - PLAGEOCARPA	PER STEM	\$2.50
BANKSIA - SPECIOSA	PER STEM	\$1.20 TO \$2.00
BELLADONNA LILY	5	\$6.00 TO \$7.00
BOUARDIA		\$3.00 TO \$7.00
BRUNIA	5	\$4.00 TO \$15.00
CALLA LILY	5	\$7.50 TO \$15.00
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	\$5.00 TO \$6.00
CELOSIA - PLUME	5	\$5.00
CHINCERINCHEE	5	\$3.50 TO \$4.50
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	\$4.00 TO \$6.00
DELPHINIUM - BUTTERFLY	5	\$4.00 TO \$5.50
EASTER DAISY		\$2.50 TO \$3.50
ECHINACEA		\$6.50
ECHINOPS	5	\$5.00 TO \$6.50
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	\$4.00 TO \$6.00
FLANNEL FLOWER	5	\$5.50 TO \$6.00
FREESIA	10	\$4.00 TO \$5.00
GERBERA	10	\$5.00 TO \$8.00
GERBERA - MINI	10	\$3.50 TO \$5.50
GLADIOLI	10	\$6.00 TO \$11.00
GLORIOSA LILY	3	\$5.00 TO \$15.00
GODETIA	10	\$2.50 TO \$3.50
GOLDEN ROD	10	\$2.50 TO \$3.00
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		\$5.00 TO \$7.00
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	\$5.00 TO \$10.00
LILY - ORIENTAL	4-5	\$5.00 TO \$10.00
LILY - LA	5	\$3.00 TO \$6.00
LIMONIUM - EMILE	10	\$3.50 TO \$4.50
LIMONIUM - MISTY	10	\$4.00 TO \$5.00
LIMONIUM - STATICE	10	\$2.00 TO \$2.50
LISIANTHUS	7-10	\$3.50 TO \$7.50
LOPHOSTEMON	5	\$4.50
LOTUS PODS		\$3.00

NAME	STEMS PER BUNCH	PRICE RANGE
MIXED NATIVE BUNCHES		\$4.50 TO \$7.00
NERINES	5	\$4.00 TO \$5.00
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	\$4.00 TO \$5.00
PROTEA - KING	PER STEM	\$2.00 TO \$3.00
PROTEA - PINK ICE		\$2.50 TO \$6.50
ROSE - 30CM	10	\$3.00 TO \$5.00
ROSE - 40CM	10	\$4.00 TO \$6.00
ROSE - 50CM	10	\$5.00 TO \$7.00
ROSE - 60CM	10	\$6.00 TO \$9.00
ROSE - 70CM+	10	\$7.00 TO \$12.00
ROSE - MINI	10	\$4.50 TO \$6.50
SAFFLOWER (CARTHAMUS)	10	\$5.00 TO \$6.00
SCABIOSA	10	\$2.50
SNAPDRAGON	10	\$2.50 TO \$3.50
SOLIDASTER	10	\$3.00 TO \$3.50
STRAWBERRY FIELDS (GOMPHRENA)		\$2.50 TO \$4.00
STRELITZIA - BIRD OF PARADISE	5	\$7.00 TO \$10.00
SUNFLOWERS	5	\$2.50 TO \$4.00
SWEET WILLIAM		\$2.00 TO \$3.00
TUBEROSE	5	\$3.50 TO \$6.00
TULIPS	10	\$6.00 TO \$9.00
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
<b>FOLIAGE</b>		
ACACIA APHYLLA		\$5.50 TO \$6.50
ASPIDISTRA		\$3.00
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
CHESTNUT FOLIAGE	10	\$4.00 TO \$5.00
CHRISTMAS BUSH		\$6.00 TO \$10.00
CLETHRA		\$5.50
COLOURED STICKS	6	\$25.00
CORDYLIN	10	\$4.50 TO \$5.00
EMU BUSH		\$3.00 TO \$5.00
FAN PALM	10	\$5.00
FILICA		\$4.00
FLAX		\$3.50 TO \$7.50
GERBERA FOLIAGE		\$3.00
GINGER FOLIAGE		\$5.00
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
HYDRANGEA FOLIAGE	5-6	\$4.00 TO \$6.00
HYPERICUM BERRIES	10	\$5.00 TO \$8.00
IVY		\$3.00 TO \$4.50
JOEY FERN	10	\$4.00 TO \$5.00
KOALA FERN	10	\$4.50
LAUREL		\$4.50
LEATHER FERN		\$4.00 TO \$5.00
MING FERN		\$4.50
MOLUCCA BALM (IRISH BELLS)	5	\$4.50 TO \$5.50
MONSTERIA LEAVES		\$6.50 TO \$9.00
NANDINA		\$3.50
PEPPERCORN		\$4.50 TO \$5.50
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		\$5.00 TO \$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
VIRBURNUM BERRIES	5	\$6.00 TO \$8.00
WEIGELA		\$5.00
WINTER SWEET	5	\$7.50
WOODY PEAR	PER STEM	\$1.00