



ACONITUM MONK'S HOOD

Botanical name: Aconitum carmichaelii, A. napellus

Family: Ranunculaceae

Common names: Monk's Hood, Wolf's Bane

Country of Origin: Northern Europe

Available: Summer, small quantities can be found in June

Stem Length: 30 to 70 cm

A member of the buttercup family, there are over 250 species of Aconitum. They are rarely used as cut flowers, and the most commonly used species is the taller A. carmichaelii, while A. napellus is also sometimes found. Several flowers are borne per stem in a raceme, and the flowers have a very distinctive shape. One of the five sepals (the one at the back) is called the galea, and looks like a rounded hood. This explains the English name monkshood. Flowers come in blue, purple, white, yellow or pink, but only blue is found as a cut flower. They are very good garden plants in the cooler areas of southern Australia.

This is a very toxic plant, so take care to always wear gloves when handling.

Aconitum is commonly grown as a field crop. Most are grown in Victoria and Tasmania.



When Buying Look for:

- Buy when at least one of the lower flowers in a bunch is open and brightly coloured;
- Avoid bunches with faded and wrinkled flowers, or with flower drop when bunches are shaken.

Flower Care

1. Always wear gloves when handling this flower.
2. Keep cool at all times.
3. Strip leaves from the bottom half of each stem and wash thoroughly.
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. Very sensitive to ethylene. Keep them away from fruit, car exhausts and cigarette smoke.

Interesting Facts and Myths

Aconitum is extremely poisonous, as it contains the alkaloid aconite, which has an anaesthetic effect and causes paralysis and heart attack. The poison is readily absorbed across the skin, so take great care to wear gloves while handling.

EASTER TRADING

Trading over Easter will be as follows:

Friday	6 April	MARKET CLOSED
Saturday	7 April	Open from 5.30am
Sunday	8 April	MARKET CLOSED
Monday	9 April	MARKET CLOSED
Tuesday	10 April	Open from 4.30am (one hour earlier)
Wednesday	11 April	Open from 5.30am

Customer Service Desk

Please be advised that Shaz, our CSO, will be on leave from today, returning to work on Thursday, 12 April.

During this time if you have any enquiries or concerns please ring Nancy on 9258 6108 between 7.30am to 3.30pm, Monday to Friday. Thank you.

A BIG THANK YOU to all those florists you responded to our Valentines Day Survey. We appreciate your comments (both good and bad!) and will take them on board for future promotions.

THIS WEEK'S PRICES

NAME	STEMS PER BUNCH	PRICE RANGE
ACONITUM (MONK'S HOOD)	5	\$9.00 TO \$10.00
AGAPANTHUS	7	\$3.50
AGERATUM	10	\$4.00 TO \$5.00
ALSTROEMERIA	SML - 7, LGE - 10	\$3.50 TO \$6.00
AMARANTHUS	10	\$7.00 TO \$8.50
ANEMONE	10	\$3.00 TO \$4.00
ANTHURIUM	PER STEM	\$4.50
ASTERS		\$2.00 TO \$2.50
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
BOUVARDIA		\$4.00 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
EREMURUS	10	\$5.00 TO \$8.00
ERICA	10	\$5.00 TO \$6.00
ERYNGIUM (SEA HOLLY)		\$4.50 TO \$5.50
EUCOMIS (PINEAPPLE LILY)	5	\$4.00 TO \$6.00
FLANNEL FLOWER	5	\$7.50
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
GOLDEN ROD	10	\$2.50 TO \$3.00
GREVILLEA	5	\$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
HIPPEASTRUM	3	
HYACINTH		\$5.00 TO \$7.00
HYDRANGEA	5	\$4.00 TO \$6.00
IRIS	10	\$4.50 TO \$6.50
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
NERINES	5	\$4.00 TO \$5.00
ORCHID - CYMBIDIUM	PER STEM	\$16.00
ORCHID - SINGAPORE	5	\$4.00 TO \$8.00

NAME	STEMS PER BUNCH	PRICE RANGE
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	\$2.00 TO \$3.00
ROSE - 40CM	10	\$4.00
ROSE - 50CM	10	\$4.00 TO \$5.00
ROSE - 60CM	10	\$5.00 TO \$6.00
ROSE - 70CM+	10	\$6.00 TO \$7.00
ROSE - MINI	10	\$4.50 TO \$6.50
SAFFLOWER (CARTHAMUS)	10	\$6.00
SCABIOSA	10	\$2.50
SEDUM	10	\$5.00 TO \$6.00
SNAPDRAGON	10	\$2.50 TO \$3.50
SOLIDASTER	10	\$3.00 TO \$3.50
STEPHANOTIS	BOX OF 20 HEADS	\$25.00
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	\$4.50 TO \$7.00
VERONICA	10	\$3.00 TO \$4.00
WATER LILIES	5-7	\$5.00 TO \$8.00
FOLIAGE		
ACACIA APHYLLA		\$5.50 TO \$6.50
BANANA LEAF	20	\$20.00
BIXIA	5	\$7.50
BLACKBERRY FOLIAGE	10	\$4.50
BOTTLEBRUSH (SPARSA)	10	\$4.50 TO \$5.50
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
CORDYLINE	10	\$4.50 TO \$5.00
CROTON	10	\$3.00 TO \$3.50
CYPRUS	10	\$2.50
EMU BUSH		\$3.00 TO \$5.00
FAN PALM	10	\$5.00
FILICA		\$4.00
FLAX		\$3.50 TO \$7.50
GARRYA	3	\$4.00 TO \$5.00
GERBERA FOLIAGE		\$3.00
GINGER FOLIAGE		\$5.00
GUM		\$2.50
HAPPY PLANT	10	\$6.00
HOLLY (GOLDEN)	5-6	\$5.00 TO \$6.00
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
MAGNOLIA	5	\$6.00
MAPLE		\$5.00
MELALEUCA	10	\$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
OKRA PODS	3	\$9.00
PAPYRUS	5	\$5.00 YO \$8.00
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 \$7.00
SPEAR GRASS		\$2.00 TO \$3.00
TETRAGONA GUM NUTS	10	\$5.50 TO \$6.50
UMBRELLA BERRIES (LIPSTICK)	5	\$8.00
VIRBURNUM BERRIES	5	\$6.00 TO \$8.00
WINTER SWEET	5	\$7.50
WOODY PEAR	PER STEM	\$1.00