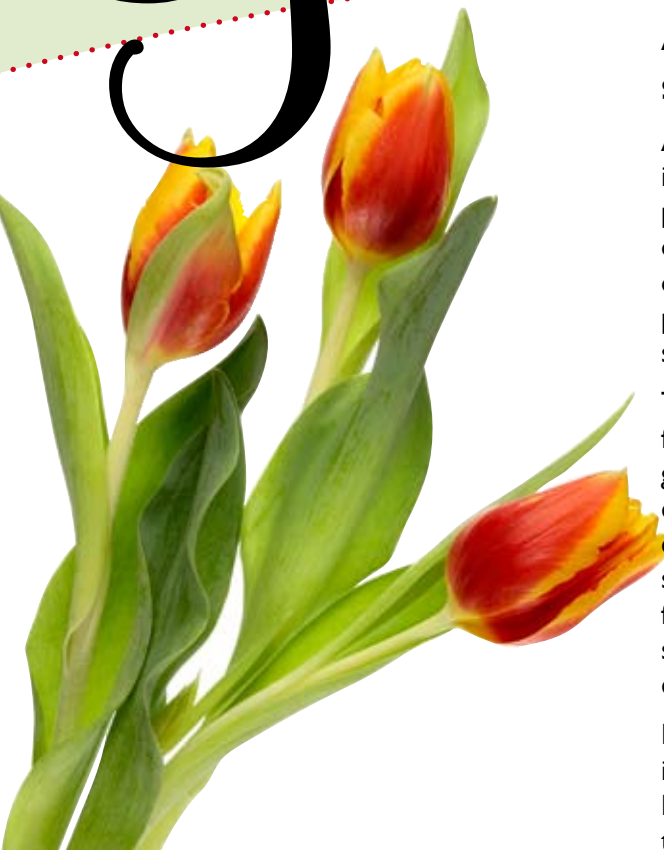


Tulips



Botanical name: Tulipa hybrids

Family: Liliaceae

Common Name: Tulip

Country of Origin: Middle East

Available: February to November

Stem Length: 30 to 80 cm

Along with the rose, lily and orchid, the tulip can be considered a truly iconic flower. Its long, colourful history, combined with its perennial popularity lift the tulip into a class almost on their own. With the advent of 'Ice Tulips', where the bulbs are forced into flower and grown out of season in cooled glasshouses, tulips have become the second most popular flower on the Dutch Auction System, with 680 million stems sold in 2004.

There are about 100 tulip species, but the ones we see used as cut flowers today have all been bred specifically for this purpose and are generally more spectacular than the wild forms. Tulips can be found in every colour except blue or black, although some of the dark purple cultivars like 'Negrita' or 'Queen of Night' can look very close to black sometimes. Apart from the classic turban-shaped flowers, there are the frilled parrot tulips, and some varieties are striped or variegated. This striping can also be caused by a virus, but it has been almost completely eradicated in commercial stock.

In summer and autumn, tulip bulbs are forced into flower and grown in cooled glasshouses. Most supplies come from the hills east of Melbourne, and Tasmania. In winter and spring tulips are also grown in the field, again in the cooler regions of Victoria and Tasmania.

Types: Typical tulip (Darwin hybrid), Parrot

When Buying Look for:

- Flowers are not fully open, and buds show colour;
- White and pale yellow varieties can be bought when buds are green;
- Strong stems that easily hold flower heads;
- Glossy green leaves with no blotches;
- Avoid bunches with drooping flowers or yellow leaves.

Flower Care

1. Keep cool whenever possible.
2. Split bunches and strip leaves from the lower half of each stem.
3. Wash mud and dirt from each stem end.
4. Recut at least 2 cm off each stem with sharp secateurs and place in cold water immediately.
5. Never bash or split stems.
6. NO Preservative – it is better just to add a teaspoon of bleach per half-filled bucket.

7. Replace water every day.
8. Tulip stems continue to grow towards the light in the vase, which can result in twisted stems. To straighten stems, wrap bunches tightly in clean paper (not newspaper) and place in deep cold water for a few hours.
9. Never mix tulips with fresh Narcissus.

Interesting Facts and Myths

- The name comes from the Turkish word 'dulband' meaning 'turban'.
- In the 17th century 'Tulipmania' saw the price of tulip bulbs skyrocket in The Netherlands.
- The tulip is the national flower of Iran and Turkey, and tulip motifs feature prominently in Persian and Turkish folk arts. It is also considered the unofficial emblem of The Netherlands.
- In the language of flowers a tulip of any colour means 'perfect lover', while red tulips mean 'a declaration of love'.
- A striped or variegated tulip means 'beautiful eyes'.

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	\$6.00 TO \$8.50
ANDROMEDA FOLIAGE		\$4.50
ANTHURIUM	PER STEM	\$4.50
ARABS EYES	5	\$3.50 TO \$4.50
ASTERS		\$2.00 TO \$2.50
ASTERS (GLASSHOUSE)	4-7	\$4.50
BANKSIA - BAXTERI	PER STEM	\$1.20 TO \$2.50
BANKSIA - COCCINEA	5	\$5.00
BANKSIA - HOOKERIANA	PER STEM	\$1.60
BANKSIA - MENZIESII	PER STEM	\$1.40 TO \$1.80
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
CALENDULA	10	\$2.00
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	\$4.00 TO \$7.00
CELOSIA - PLUME	5	\$5.00
CHRYSANTHEMUM - DISBUD	5	\$6.50 TO \$8.50
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)		\$6.50 TO \$7.50
FLANNEL FLOWER	5	\$5.00
FREESIA	10	\$5.00 TO \$6.00
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 (SOLIDAGO)	10	\$2.50 TO \$4.00
GREVILLEA	5	\$3.50
GYMEA LILIES	PER STEM	\$5.00 TO \$10.00
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		\$4.50 TO \$5.50
HYDRANGEA	5	\$4.00 TO \$6.00
IRIS	10	\$4.50 TO \$6.50
IXODIA DAISY	10	\$5.00 TO \$6.00
KANGAROO PAW - BLACK		\$8.00
KANGAROO PAW - STANDARD	10	\$5.50
LAVENDER		\$3.50
LEUCADENDRON	5	\$2.00 TO \$5.00
LEUCADENDRON - DISCOLOUR	5	\$4.00 TO \$5.00
LEUCADENDRON - GALAPINI	5	\$4.50
LEUCADENDRON - SAFARI	10	\$4.00
LEUCADENDRON - SILVAN RED	5	\$3.00 TO \$5.00
LEUCADENDRON - 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 \$6.50
LOPHOSTEMON	5	\$4.50
LOTUS PODS		\$3.00
NERINES	5	\$4.00 TO \$5.00

NAME	STEMS PER BUNCH	PRICE RANGE
ORCHID - CYMBIDIUM	PER STEM	\$13.00 TO \$17.00
ORCHID - SINGAPORE	5	\$4.00 TO \$8.00
ORCHID - SLIPPER	PER BLOOM	\$6.50
ORCHID - TIGER	5	\$11.50
PROTEA - KING	PER STEM	\$1.00 TO \$2.00
PROTEA - PENCIL	5	\$3.50
PROTEA - PINK ICE		\$2.50 TO \$4.00
ROSE - 30CM	10	\$3.00 TO \$4.00
ROSE - 40CM	10	\$4.00 TO \$5.00
ROSE - 50CM	10	\$5.00 TO \$6.00
ROSE - 60CM	10	\$6.00 TO \$7.00
ROSE - 70CM+	10	\$7.00 TO \$8.00
ROSE - MINI	10	\$4.50 TO \$6.50
SAFFLOWER (CARTHAMUS)	10	\$6.00
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
STRELITZIA - BIRD OF PARADISE	5	\$7.00 TO \$9.00
SUNFLOWERS	5	\$2.50 TO \$4.00
SWEET WILLIAM		\$2.00 TO \$2.50
TUBEROSE	5	\$3.50 TO \$6.00
TULIPS	10	\$6.00 TO \$9.00
WATER LILIES	5	\$8.00 TO \$12.00
FOLIAGE		
ACACIA APHYLLA		\$5.50 TO \$6.50
AUTUMN FOLIAGE	5	\$3.00 TO \$5.00
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
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
LIQUIDAMBER		\$2.50 TO \$6.00
MAGNOLIA FOLIAGE	5	\$6.00 TO \$9.00
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
OAK		\$5.00
OKRA PODS	5	\$7.50
PAPYRUS	5	\$5.00 TO \$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
SPEAR GRASS		\$2.00 TO \$3.00
TETRAGONA GUM NUTS	10	\$5.50 TO \$6.50
UMBRELLA BERRIES (LIPSTICK)	5	\$8.00
WINTER SWEET	5	\$7.50
WOODY PEAR	PER STEM	\$1.00