



the *Cymbidium* **ORCHID**

Botanical name: Cymbidium

Family: Orchidaceae

Common Name: Cymbids

Country of Origin: Tropical Asia and Central America

Stem Length: 40 to 80 cm

With the possible exception of the rose, no other flower inspires such wonder or passion as the orchid. Orchids are relatively promiscuous, which means they inter-breed quite easily and explains the 100,000 or so hybrids we have today. Despite this huge variety there are only a handful of orchid types used in floristry – mostly Cymbidium, Dendrobium (Singapore) and Oncidium hybrids.

Cymbidium are sold as stems with several flowers (usually 3-15) per stem or as individual flowers. Flowers are large, up to 10cm, and have 5 large waxy petals surrounding inner sepals that are often brightly coloured. The colour range is enormous: white, green, yellow-green, cream, yellow, brown, pink, and red (and

there may be markings of other colour shades at the same time, every colour except blue and black. There are hundreds of varieties and colour combinations available. They also make fantastic pot-plants. Flowers are long-lasting and normally appear in winter. In Australia they are grown mainly in Queensland and the Northern Territory, and many are imported from Malaysia and Indonesia.

When Buying Look For

- Flowers are ½ to fully open;
- Stem ends should be in vials filled with water, or small bags filled with wet cotton wool;
- Avoid flowers with dried, slightly translucent appearance as this can mean chilling injury.

Flower Care

1. Never refrigerate.
2. Recut at least 2 cm off each stem with sharp

secateurs and place in water immediately.

3. You can also top up the vials with fresh preservative and replace stems.
4. Preservative is essential – this will help buds open.
5. Replace water in vase or vials every day.
6. Do not mist as this can encourage fungal rots.
7. Very sensitive to ethylene. Keep away from fruit, car exhausts and cigarette smoke.
8. Misting is recommended.
9. Individual flowers can be revived by immersing in room temperature water (not cold!) for 5 minutes. Place revived flowers in a plastic bag with wet tissue paper and seal the bag.



DID YOU KNOW.....*In China, the Asian Cymbidium became a part of history even before the establishment of Western Civilization! Throughout Chinese history the Cymbidium has been a symbol of virtuosity, and friendship, and was known for its elegance and sweet fragrance.*

AND HOW DID IT GET ITS NAME?

The derivation of the name 'cymbidium' is unclear. The Swedish botanist Olaf Swartz created the name in 1800, which literally translated means 'boat like' because a "cymba" is a slender rowboat. Unfortunately this name is not descriptive of the shape of a cymbidium flower, and it has been suggested that Swartz may have had 'cymbium' in mind instead of 'cymba'. A 'cymbium' is a small slender shallow drinking vessel with a handle, a form which can be related to the shape of the lip of the species originally used to describe the genus, Cymbidium aloifolium.

THIS WEEK'S PRICES

NAME	STEMS PER BUNCH	PRICE RANGE
ACONITUM (MONK'S HOOD)		\$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
ANTHURIUM	PER STEM	\$1.50 TO \$3.50
ARABS EYES	5	\$3.50 TO \$4.50
ASTERS		\$2.00 TO \$2.50
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
BLUSHING BRIDE	5	\$8.00
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 \$4.50
CHRYSANTHEMUM - GLASSHOUSE	5-7	\$4.00 TO \$5.00
COSMOS		\$2.00
DAFFODILS	10	\$2.50
DAHLIA	5	\$3.00 TO \$3.50
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	\$7.00 TO \$10.00
GERBERA - MINI	10	\$3.50 TO \$5.50
GLADIOLI	10	\$8.00 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
JONQUILS	10	\$2.50
KALE	PER STEM	\$2.50
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
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	\$4.50 TO \$6.00
LILY - LONGIFLORUM	5	\$5.00 TO \$10.00
LILY - ORIENTAL	5	\$10.00 TO 14.00
LILY - LA	5	\$4.50 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 \$8.00
LOPHOSTEMON	5	\$4.50
LOTUS PODS		\$3.00
NERINES	5	\$4.00 TO \$5.00
ORCHID - CYMBIDIUM	PER STEM	\$13.00 TO \$17.00

NAME	STEMS PER BUNCH	PRICE RANGE
ORCHID - SINGAPORE	5	\$4.00 TO \$8.00
ORCHID - SLIPPER	PER BLOOM	\$6.50
ORCHID - TIGER	5	\$11.50
POKERS	5	\$4.50 TO \$6.00
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	\$4.00 TO \$7.00
ROSE - 40CM	10	\$5.00 TO \$12.00
ROSE - 50CM	10	\$6.00 TO \$14.00
ROSE - 60CM	10	\$8.00 TO \$15.00
ROSE - 70CM+	10	\$9.00 TO \$18.00
ROSE - MINI	10	\$4.50 TO \$7.00
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
STOCK		\$3.50
STRAWBERRY FIELDS		\$2.50 TO \$3.00
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
TULIPS (PARROT)	10	\$9.00 TO \$10.00
VIOLETS		\$2.50
WATER LILIES	5	\$8.00 TO \$12.00
FOLIAGE		
ANDROMEDA		\$4.50
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
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
HYPOCALYMA (MYRTLE - GOLDEN VEIL)	30CM (200GM)	\$5.50
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 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
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