



Thryptomene



Botanical name: Thryptomene calycina (white),
T. saxicola (pink).

Family: Myrtaceae

Common Name: Thryptomene, Lace flower

Country of Origin: Australia

Available: Late May to October

Stem Length: 30 to 60 cm



THRYPTOMENE branches bear hundreds of tiny white flowers and small spear-shaped leaves. They also have a pleasant scent. In good seasons the flowers are so numerous that they can almost completely cover the branches, so they are a mass of white. *T. calycina* is the white form most commonly sold, but you can find branches of the pink *T. saxicola* from time to time. This has fewer flowers and flowers in spring, whereas *T. calycina* is a winter flower. Traditionally, the season is said to extend from Mothers Day to Fathers Day, but prime season is from June to August. Late in the season *T. calycina* can suffer from flower drop, as the flowers are naturally shed from bushes at this time in the wild.

Thryptomene is used as a filler, and comes in large bunches that can provide enough material

for many arrangements. It has long been a popular wildflower in Australia, particularly in Victoria as it flowers naturally in the Grampians, a few hours drive west of Melbourne. Large plantations in this region still supply the majority of Thryptomene bunches to the Australian market.

They are grown almost entirely as field crops in the Grampians region west of Melbourne, where they are endemic, and small plantations also exist in NSW, SA and Queensland. It is also now grown in Israel, South America and the USA.

Types: *T. calycina*, *T. saxicola*.

When Buying Look for:

- Flowers are about 1/3 to fully open;
- Bunches in water, not under wet hessian;

- Avoid bunches with closed flowers and dried leaves;
- Shake bunches in September/October and avoid those with flower and leaf drop.

Flower Care

1. Keep cool at all times.
2. Split bunches and strip all leaves from the lower half of each stem.
3. Wash stem ends.
4. Recut at least 2 cm off each stem with sharp secateurs and place in water immediately.
5. Do not smash or split stems.
6. Preservative is essential – this will help maintain fresh leaves and flowers.
7. Replace water every day.
8. Misting is a good idea, as Thryptomene can take up water through the leaves and flowers.

THIS WEEK'S PRICES

NAME	STEMS PER BUNCH	PRICE RANGE
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
BLUSHING BRIDE	5	\$5.00 TO \$7.00
BOUVARDIA		\$4.00 TO \$7.00
CALENDULA	10	\$2.00
CALLA LILY	5	\$7.50 TO \$15.00
CARNATION HEADS	BOX	\$10.00 TO \$15.00
CARNATION - MICRO	10	\$2.00 TO \$3.50
CARNATION - FIELD		\$1.50 TO \$3.00
CARNATION - SPRAY		\$3.50 TO \$4.00
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
ERLICHEER		\$2.50 TO \$3.00
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 \$12.00
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
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	\$4.50 TO \$5.00
LILY - LONGIFLORUM	5	\$5.00 TO \$10.00
LILY - ORIENTAL	5	\$10.00 TO \$13.00
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
LOTUS PODS		\$3.00
NERINES	10	\$4.50 TO \$6.00
ORCHID - CYMBIDIUM	PER STEM	\$13.00 TO \$17.00
ORCHID - SINGAPORE	5	\$4.00 TO \$8.00

NAME	STEMS PER BUNCH	PRICE RANGE
ORCHID - TIGER	5	\$11.50
PEONY ROSE	5	\$18.50
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 \$6.00
ROSE - 40CM	10	\$4.00 TO \$9.00
ROSE - 50CM	10	\$5.00 TO \$10.00
ROSE - 60CM	10	\$9.00 TO \$11.00
ROSE - 70CM+	10	\$10.00 TO \$12.00
ROSE - MINI	10	\$4.50 TO \$7.00
SEDUM	10	\$5.00 TO \$6.00
SNAPDRAGON	10	\$2.50 TO \$5.00
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
WAX FLOWER (BUD)		\$3.00 TO \$4.00
FOLIAGE		
ACACIA PODALYRIIFOLIA (MT MORGAN WATTLE)		\$4.50
ANDROMEDA		\$4.50
BANANA LEAF	20	\$20.00
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
COLOURED STICKS	6	\$25.00
CORDYLINE	10	\$4.50 TO \$5.00
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
GREVILLIA (FLOWERING - MOONLIGHT)		\$4.00
GUM		\$2.50
HAPPY PLANT	10	\$6.00
HOLLY (GOLDEN)	5-6	\$5.00 TO \$6.00
HOSTA LEAVES		\$4.00
HYPERICUM BERRIES	10	\$5.00 TO \$8.00
HYPOCALYMYMA (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
LEATHER FERN		\$4.00 TO \$5.00
LILLY PILLY		\$4.00
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
NECTARINE (BUDDING)	5	\$5.00 TO \$30.00
OAK		\$5.00
OKRA PODS	5	\$7.50
PAPYRUS	5	\$5.00 YO \$8.00
PAULONIA		\$6.00
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 SUEDE		\$5.00 TO \$6.00
SPEAR GRASS		\$2.00 TO \$3.00
TETRAGONA GUM NUTS	10	\$5.50 TO \$6.50
THRYPTOMENE		\$2.50
UMBRELLA BERRIES (LIPSTICK)	5	\$8.00
WINTER SWEET	5	\$7.50
WOODY PEAR	PER STEM	\$1.00