



from the garden

Daphne

This large genus of evergreen and deciduous shrubs was named after a nymph in Greek mythology called Daphne. After being chased by the sun god Apollo, Daphne prayed to her father, who was a river god, to save her. The river god changed her into a bay tree!

Daphne flowers abundantly from May to October with clusters of very fragrant white to purple flowers. Daphne grows in a wide range of climates, but does particularly well in cool climates. In areas with very cold winters and severe frosts planting is recommended in a sheltered spot, for example under a deciduous tree.

Daphnes have a reputation for being very touchy plants. They often drop dead suddenly because they carry virus diseases, which reduce their vigour and make them more susceptible to root rot. A healthy, virus-free daphne will have uniformly dark green, glossy leaves that grow horizontally from the stem. Position daphnes in a sheltered spot with morning sun but protection from hot afternoon sun. An east or south-east aspect

Fragrant shrubs combine their natural floral and foliage beauty with an attractive scent that enhances any location. It is therefore important to place a fragrant shrub where the fragrance can be enjoyed such as near a patio, close to windows, etc.



add the potting mix, selecting a potting mix that meets the Australian Standard. It is a good idea to add a little peat moss to your mix to improve drainage and water-holding capacity of the mix.

Note: In some instances daphnes are grown in soil, dug up and sold in a pot. Any soil should be gently hosed away before it is repotted into potting mix.

is ideal. Daphnes need perfect drainage, so are best planted on a sloping site or in a raised bed where the soil has been built up by about 20-30cm (8-12"). If this is not possible a pot is the next best alternative. When potting up a daphne, put some plastic fly-wire over the drainage hole in the bottom of the pot. This is not for any horticultural reason, but to stop soil from leaching out of the drainage hole with each watering. Then

Take care when potting, especially if you are handling a large plant. If you damage the roots in the repotting process, it is important to keep the repotted plant in a sheltered spot for several weeks to give it a chance to establish new roots. It will also need close attention in hot or windy weather until it is firmly established.

Tip: For good growth on your daphne, add a sprinkle of gypsum to the potting mix.

THIS WEEK'S PRICES

NAME	STEMS PER BUNCH	PRICE RANGE
AGERATUM	10	\$4.00 TO \$5.00
ALLIUM - GIANT	PER STEM	\$4.00
ALSTROEMERIA	SML - 7, LGE - 10	\$3.50 TO \$6.00
AMARANTHUS	10	\$6.00 TO \$8.50
ANEMONE		\$4.50
ANTHURIUM	PER STEM	\$1.50 TO \$3.50
ARABS EYES	5	\$3.50 TO \$4.50
ARUM LILIES	5	\$5.00 TO \$6.50
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 - SPECIOSA	PER STEM	\$1.20 TO \$2.00
BLUSHING BRIDE	5	\$3.00 TO \$6.00
CALENDULA	10	\$2.00
CALLA LILY	5	\$7.50 TO \$15.00
CALLISTEMON (BOTTLEBRUSH)	PER STEM	0.50
CAMPANULA (CANTERBURY BELLS)		\$7.00
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 TO \$3.00
DAISY - SHASTA		\$2.00 TO \$3.00
DAPHNE	5	\$4.00 TO \$5.00
DELPHINIUM - GIANT	5	\$4.00 TO \$6.00
DELPHINIUM - BUTTERFLY	5	\$4.00 TO \$5.50
EASTER DAISY		\$2.50 TO \$3.50
ERICA	10	\$6.00
ERLICHEER		\$2.50 TO \$3.00
ERYNGIUM (SEA HOLLY)		\$7.50
FLANNEL FLOWER	5	\$5.00 TO \$7.00
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 \$20.00
GOLDEN ROD (SOLIDAGO)	10	\$2.50 TO \$4.00
GYMEA LILIES	PER STEM	\$5.00 TO \$6.00
GYPSOPHILA - STANDARD		\$3.00 TO \$5.00
GYPSY		\$3.00
HELLEBORUS	5	\$4.50 TO \$5.50
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	\$4.50
KALE	5	\$17.50 TO \$20.00
KANGAROO PAW - BLACK		\$8.00
KANGAROO PAW - STANDARD	10	\$5.50
LAVENDER		\$3.00
LEUCADENDRON	5	\$2.00 TO \$5.00
LEUCADENDRON - DISCOLOUR	5	\$4.00 TO \$5.00
LEUCADENDRON - GALAPINI	5	\$4.50
LEUCADENDRON - SAFARI SUNSET	10	\$4.00 TO \$5.00
LEUCADENDRON - SILVAN RED	5	\$3.00 TO \$5.00
LEUCODENDRON - SILVER TREE		\$3.00
LEUCOSPERMUM - REFLEXUM	5	\$3.00 TO \$5.00
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	\$3.50
ORCHID - CYMBIDIUM	PER STEM	\$13.00 TO \$17.00

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ORCHID - SINGAPORE	5	\$4.00 TO \$8.00
ORCHID - TIGER	5	\$11.50
ORCHID - TIGER (DANCING LADIES)	10	\$25.00
POKERS	5	\$4.50 TO \$6.00
POPIES	10	\$3.50
PROTEA - KING	PER STEM	\$1.00 TO \$2.00
PROTEA - PINK ICE		\$2.50 TO \$4.00
QUEEN ANNE'S LACE		\$6.50
RANUNCULUS		\$3.50
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
STIRLINGIA (BUD)		\$5.00
STOCK		\$3.50
STRAWBERRY FIELDS		\$2.50 TO \$3.00
STRELITZIA - BIRD OF PARADISE	5	\$6.00 TO \$10.00
SWEETPEA	10	\$6.50 TO \$7.00
SWEET WILLIAM		\$2.00 TO \$2.50
TULIPS	10	\$8.00
VIOLETS		\$2.50
WATER LILIES	5	\$8.00 TO \$12.00
WAX FLOWER (BUD)		\$3.00 TO \$4.00
FOLIAGE		
ACACIA PODALYRIFOLIA		\$4.50
ANDROMEDA		\$4.50 TO \$5.00
BANANA LEAF	20	\$20.00
BIXIA		\$6.50
BULLRUSHES	4	\$5.00 TO \$6.00
BUXUS	7	\$3.00 TO \$3.50
CAMELLIA		\$4.50 TO \$5.00
CORDYLINE	10	\$4.50 TO \$5.00
CORK ELM	5	\$6.00 TO \$7.00
CYPRUS	10	\$2.50
DODDA VINE		\$4.50
DOGWOOD		\$4.00 TO \$6.00
EMU BUSH		\$3.00 TO \$5.00
FAN PALM	10	\$5.00
FLAX		\$3.50 TO \$7.50
FLOWERING QUINCE	2-5	\$6.00 TO \$7.50
GARRYA	3	\$4.00 TO \$5.00
GERBERA FOLIAGE		\$3.00
GINGER FOLIAGE		\$5.00
GOLDEN ASH (BUDDING)		\$6.00 TO \$7.00
GREVILLIA (FLOWERING - MOONLIGHT)		\$4.00
GUM		\$2.50
HAPPY PLANT	10	\$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
LUCULIA	5-10	\$5.00 TO \$8.00
MAGNOLIA FOLIAGE	5	\$6.00 TO \$12.00
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
OKRA PODS	5	\$7.50
PAPYRUS	5	\$5.00 TO \$8.00
PAULONIA		\$6.00
PEPPERCORN		\$4.50 TO \$5.50
PHILODENDRON - XANADU	5-6	\$4.00 TO \$6.00
PIMELEA		\$5.50
POLYGALA		\$2.50 TO \$3.00
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
THRYPDOMENE		\$2.50
WITCH HAZEL		\$6.00 TO \$10.00

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