



## RANUNCULUS

**Botanical name:** Ranunculus asiaticus

**Family:** Ranunculaceae

**Common Name:** Buttercup, Persian Buttercup.

**Country of Origin:** Middle East

**Available:** Winter – early summer

**Stem Length:** 30 to 60 cm

Ranunculus is a large genus with over 400 species, but only one, *R. asiaticus* is used in floristry. This species comes from the Middle East, hence its common name: Persian (or Turban) Buttercup. Flowers arise from corms (like mini-bulbs) and are very popular garden plants as well due to their wonderful array of colours and general hardiness.

Cut flower Ranunculus are bright and cheerful winter flowers and can be found in various shades of red, yellow, orange, white, pink and copper-brown. Many have black or green flower centres that contrast nicely with the vivid petals. Each stem is topped with one flower, which has many petals, giving the flower a slightly ruffled look.

Ranunculus is mostly field-grown in cooler areas near Melbourne, Sydney, in Tasmania and in SA and WA.

### When Buying Look for:

- Flowers in bud and fully coloured. Buds open well in the vase.
- Avoid bunches with yellow leaves.

### Flower Care

1. Keep cool whenever possible.
2. Split bunches and strip leaves from the lower half of each stem.
3. Wash stem ends thoroughly.
4. Recut at least 2 cm off each stem with sharp secateurs and place in water immediately.
5. Preservative is essential – this will help keep the water clean as these flowers are known to foul vase water.
6. Replace water every day.
7. Do not mist as this can encourage fungal rots.

### Interesting Facts and Myths

- All Ranunculus species are poisonous when eaten fresh by livestock, but their bitter taste means they are usually left untouched. The name comes from Latin and means 'little frog'.
- In the Language of Flowers, ranunculi mean 'radiant charm'.

### DAFFODIL DAY - FRIDAY, 24 AUGUST 2007

Just a reminder that this Friday is Daffodil Day so don't forget to help out the Cancer Council, in the fight against cancer, with your donation.



# 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
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	10	\$6.00 TO \$7.00
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
DAFFODILS	10	\$1.10 TO \$2.00
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
ERICA - GREEN	5	\$5.00 TO \$5.50
ERIOSTEMON	5-7	\$4.00 TO \$5.00
ERLICHEER		\$1.50 TO \$2.00
ERYNGIUM (SEA HOLLY)		\$7.50 TO \$8.50
FLANNEL FLOWER	5	\$5.00 TO \$7.00
FREEZIA	10	\$5.00 TO \$6.00
GELEZNOWIA (YELLOW BELLS)	10	\$4.50 TO \$5.00
GERBERA	10	\$7.00 TO \$10.00
GERBERA - MINI	10	\$3.50 TO \$5.50
GLADIOLI	10	\$8.00 TO \$12.00
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
IRIS	10	\$4.50 TO \$6.50
IXODIA DAISY	10	\$5.00 TO \$6.00
JONQUILS	10	\$1.40 TO \$1.50
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
MICHELIA	5	\$9.00 TO \$12.00
ORCHID - CYMBIDIUM	PER STEM	\$13.00 TO \$17.00

NAME	STEMS PER BUNCH	PRICE RANGE
ORCHID - SINGAPORE	5	\$4.00 TO \$8.00
ORCHID - TIGER	5	\$11.50
ORCHID - TIGER (DANCING LADIES)	10	\$25.00
POKERS	5	\$4.50 TO \$6.00
POPPIES	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		\$2.50 TO \$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
WAX FLOWER (BUD)	10	\$3.00 TO \$4.00
WAX FLOWER (OPEN)	10	\$5.00 TO \$6.00
<b>FOLIAGE</b>		
ANDROMEDA		\$4.50 TO \$5.00
ARALIA	PER STEM	\$5.00
BAMBOO	PER STEM	\$2.00 TO \$20.00
BANANA LEAF	20	\$20.00
BERZELIA LANUGINOSA	5	\$6.00 TO \$7.00
BIXIA		\$6.50
BULLRUSHES	4	\$5.00 TO \$6.00
BUXUS	7	\$3.00 TO \$3.50
CAMELIA BUDS	5	\$4.50 TO \$5.50
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
FAN PALM	10	\$5.00
FLOWERING QUINCE	2-5	\$6.00 TO \$7.50
GARRYA	3	\$5.00 TO \$7.00
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	10	\$5.00 TO \$6.00
MAGNOLIA FOLIAGE (FLOWERING/BUDDING)	5	\$6.50 TO \$7.50
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	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 (FLOWERING)	5	\$4.00 TO \$5.00
PRUNUS (FLOWERING)	5	\$6.00 TO \$7.50
RHODODENDRON BUDS	5	\$5.00 TO \$6.00
RHODODENDRON FLOWERING	5	\$4.00 TO \$8.00
SILVER SUEDE		\$5.00 TO \$6.00
SPEAR GRASS		\$2.00 TO \$3.00
SPRUCE (BLUE)	5	\$4.00 TO \$5.00
TETRAGONA GUM NUTS	3-4	\$6.00 TO \$8.00
THRYPTOMENE		\$2.50
WITCH HAZEL		\$6.00 TO \$10.00

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