



## Kangaroo Paw

**Botanical name:** Several *Anigozanthos* (red, green, yellow, pink) or *Macropedia* (black) species are used.

**Family:** Haemodoraceae

**Common Name:** Kangaroo Paw

**Country of Origin:** Australia

**Available:** Late autumn to summer

**Stem Length:** 30 to 90 cm

Kangaroo paws are distinctly Australian flowers and have become popular as cut flowers throughout the world over the past 20 years. Several species are used, most endemic to Western Australia, and an active breeding program has also resulted in several attractive forms, such as the 'Bush Gem' series. Perhaps most striking are the red and green *Anigozanthos manglesii*, and the black and green *Macropedia fulginosa*. Other species commonly used as cut flowers are *A. rufus* (red), *A. flavidus* (yellow), and hybrids of these species.

Each stem has several flowers which are covered in fine hairs that serve to give the flowers their colour. Some people can develop an allergy to these hairs, so wear gloves and take care if handling regularly. Flowers open at the tip by splitting and peeling back to reveal 6 petals and the small flower. The interior of the flower offers a beautiful contrast to the outer colours and is often green or yellow, so it is worthwhile taking the time to bring these flowers into open flower (see below for instructions).

Kangaroo paws are grown in the field, usually in the drier regions of WA, SA, NSW and QLD. They are also cultivated overseas in Israel, USA and even Japan. Strongest flower colour occurs in the growing regions with the highest light intensity.

### WHEN BUYING LOOK FOR

- One flower per spray open;
- Buds should be plump, not shrivelled;
- Avoid bunches with buds or flowers that droop.

### FLOWER CARE

1. Keep cool at all times.
2. Strip leaves from the lower half of each stem and wash the stem ends.
3. Cut off all leaves with black marks (ink spot is common in paws).
4. Recut at least 2 cm off each stem with sharp secateurs and place in water immediately.
5. Preservative is essential.

6. To open buds place stems in double strength commercial preservative or mix 3 to 4 teaspoons of sugar per litre of water and place stems in this for 24 hours, then transfer to clean water + a preservative.
7. Replace water every day.
8. Keep away from sunlight and warm air as these will cause flower fade.

### INTERESTING FACTS AND MYTHS

The French botanist, de Labillardiere, first collected the kangaroo paw, *Anigozanthos rufus*, near Esperance in 1792. The generic name *Anigozanthos* is probably derived from the Greek 'anises', meaning 'unequal' or 'oblique', and 'anthos', meaning 'flower', in reference to the

division of the floral extremities into six unequal parts. The red-green *A. manglesii* is the state emblem of Western Australia.

These flowers are mainly pollinated by birds. The shape of the flowers and the position of the pollen-bearing anthers is a feature which allows pollen to be deposited on the head of feeding birds. This pollen is transferred from flower to flower as the birds feed. Different species usually deposit pollen on different areas of the birds' head. This means that pollen from one species is unlikely to be deposited in the flowers of another species. For more information visit the Australian National Botanic Gardens website: [www.anbg.gov.au](http://www.anbg.gov.au)



# THIS WEEK'S PRICES

NAME	STEMS PER BUNCH	PRICE RANGE
AGERATUM	10	\$4.00 TO \$5.00
ALLIUM - MINI	5	\$3.50
ALSTROEMERIA	SML - 7, LGE - 10	\$3.00 TO \$6.00
AMARANTHUS	10	\$6.00 TO \$8.50
ANEMONE	10	\$4.00
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
BORONIA - BROWN	10	\$5.00 TO \$5.50
CALENDULA	10	\$2.00
CALLA LILY	10	\$6.00 TO \$7.00
CALLISTEMON (BOTTLEBRUSH)	PER STEM	0.50
CAMPANULA (CANTERBURY BELLS)	10	\$4.00 TO \$8.00
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	\$6.00 TO \$9.00
DELPHINIUM - BUTTERFLY	5	\$4.00 TO \$5.50
EASTER DAISY		\$2.50 TO \$3.50
ERICA - YELLOW & PINK	10	\$4.50 TO \$6.00
ERICA - GREEN	5	\$5.00 TO \$5.50
ERIOSTEMON - WHITE	5-7	\$4.00 TO \$5.00
ERIOSTEMON - PINK	5-7	\$5.50
ERLICHEER		\$1.50 TO \$2.00
ERYNGIUM (SEA HOLLY)		\$7.50 TO \$8.50
EUPHORBIA	10	\$5.00 TO \$8.00
FLANNEL FLOWER	5	\$5.00 TO \$7.00
FREESIA	10	\$4.00 TO \$4.50
GARDENIA (HEADS ONLY)	(PER BOX OF 6)	\$21.00
GELEZNOWIA (YELLOW BELLS)	10	\$4.50 TO \$5.00
GERBERA	10	\$4.00 TO \$5.00
GERBERA - MINI	10	\$2.00 TO \$3.00
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 \$6.00
GYPSY		\$3.00 TO \$4.00
HEATH MYRTLE	10	\$5.50
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	\$1.30 TO \$1.50
KALE	PER STEM	\$4.50
KALE	5	\$17.50 TO \$20.00
KANGAROO PAW - STANDARD	10	\$6.00 TO \$7.00
KANGAROO PAW - BLACK		\$8.00 TO \$9.00
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	\$8.50 TO \$9.50
LILY - ASIATIC	5	\$4.00 TO \$5.00
LILY - LONGIFLORUM	5	\$5.00 TO \$10.00
LILY - ORIENTAL	5	\$6.00 TO \$13.00
LILY - LA	5	\$4.50 TO \$6.5 0

NAME	STEMS PER BUNCH	PRICE RANGE
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	\$6.00 TO \$8.00
LOTUS PODS		\$3.00
MICHELIA	5	\$9.00 TO \$12.00
ORCHID - CYMBIDIUM	PER STEM	\$13.00 TO \$17.00
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	\$2.50 TO \$3.00
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		\$2.00 TO \$3.00
STRELITZIA - BIRD OF PARADISE	5	\$6.00 TO \$10.00
SWEETPEA	10	\$5.00 TO \$6.00
SWEET WILLIAM		\$2.00 TO \$2.50
TULIPS	10	\$7.50 TO \$9.00
VIOLETS		\$2.50
WALLFLOWERS		\$2.50 TO \$4.00
WARATAH - RED	PER STEM	\$3.00
WAX FLOWER (BUD)	10	\$3.00 TO \$4.00
WAX FLOWER (OPEN)	10	\$4.50 TO \$5.50
<b>FOLIAGE</b>		
ANDROMEDA (FLOWERING)		\$4.50 TO \$6.00
ARALIA	PER STEM	\$5.00
BAMBOO	PER STEM	\$2.00 TO \$20.00
BERZELIA LANUGINOSA	5	\$4.50 TO \$6.00
BIXIA		\$6.50
BULLRUSHES	4	\$5.00 TO \$6.00
BUXUS	7	\$3.00 TO \$3.50
CORDYLINE	10	\$4.50 TO \$5.00
CUMQUAT	10	\$7.00 TO \$8.00
FAN PALM	10	\$5.00
GARRYA	3	\$5.00 TO \$7.00
GERBERA FOLIAGE		\$3.00
GINGER FOLIAGE		\$5.00
GOLDEN ASH BUDS		\$5.00 TO \$6.00
GREVILLEA (FLOWERING - MOONLIGHT)		\$4.00 TO \$5.00
GUM		\$2.50
HAPPY PLANT	10	\$6.00
HYPERICUM BERRIES	10	\$5.00 TO \$8.00
HYPOCALYMYMA (MYRTLE - GOLDEN VEIL)	30CM (200GM)	\$5.50
IVY		\$3.00 TO \$4.50
JAPONICA (FLOWERING QUINCE)	5	\$5.00
JOEY FERN	10	\$4.00 TO \$5.00
KANGAROO TAILS	PER STEM	\$3.00
LAUREL		\$3.50 TO \$4.00
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
NECTARINE BUDS	4	\$5.00 TO \$7.00
PAPYRUS	5	\$5.00 TO \$8.00
PHILODENDRON - XANADU	5-6	\$3.00 TO \$3.50
POLYGALA (FLOWERING)	5	\$3.00 TO \$4.00
PRUNUS (FLOWERING)	5	\$6.00 TO \$7.50
RHODODENDRON BUDS	5	\$5.00 TO \$6.00
RHODODENDRON FLOWERING	5	\$4.00 TO \$5.00
SILVER SUEDE		\$5.00 TO \$6.00
SNOTTY GRASS	5	\$3.00 TO \$5.00
SPEAR GRASS		\$2.00 TO \$3.00
SPRUCE (BLUE)	5	\$4.00 TO \$5.00
THRYPTOMENE		\$2.50
VIBURNUM FOLIAGE		\$3.00 TO \$4.00