



Lilac

Botanical name: *Syringa vulgaris*

Family: *Oleaceae*

Common names: *Lilac*

Country of Origin: *Europe*

Available: *Spring*

Stem Length: *30 to 60 cm*

Another popular garden plant that is also used as a cut flower. Lilac bushes produce cone-shaped flower spikes at the tips of the branches each spring. Each spike is made up of dozens of small flowers (about 1 cm across) with 4 petals, which come in white, mauve, violet or pink. Flowers are heavily perfumed, and the purple-flowered varieties have the strongest scent.

Lilacs are grown in field plantations. Supplies come mostly from Victoria, NSW and Qld.

INTERESTING FACTS AND MYTHS

In the Language of Flowers purple lilacs mean 'first love' and white lilacs .

Lilacs are popular garden plants, but they only flower if left unpruned.

WHEN BUYING LOOK FOR:

- Buy when at least ½ the flowers are open and showing full colour as buds do not open in the vase;
- Buy bunches with strong perfume;
- Shake bunches late in the season (spring) and avoid those with flower drop.

FLOWER CARE

1. Keep cool at all times.
2. Strip leaves from the lower half of each stem and wash stem ends thoroughly.

3. Flowers last longer if most of the leaves are stripped from each branch.
4. Recut at least 2 cm off each stem and place in water immediately.
5. Do not bash or split stems.
6. Always use a preservative as this will help maintain the perfume.
7. Replace vase water with fresh preservative every day.
8. Lilac is very sensitive to ethylene. Keep them away from fruit, car exhausts and cigarette smoke.

did you know the raceday flower for the spring racing event "Melbourne Cup Carnival Preview Day" is the white freesia ?

Carnival Preview Day, Saturday, 6 October, Flemington



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 \$4.00
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
BLUEBELLS		\$1.50 TO \$2.00
BLUSHING BRIDE	5	\$3.00 TO \$6.00
BORONIA - BROWN	10	\$5.00 TO \$5.50
BORONIA - PINK	10	\$5.00 TO \$6.00
BORONIA - BURGUNDY	10	\$4.50 TO \$6.00
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	\$2.00 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
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
LEUCADENDRON - SILVER TREE		\$3.00
LEUCOSPERMUM - REFLEXUM	5	\$3.00 TO \$5.00
LIATRIS	10	\$8.50 TO \$9.50
LILY OF THE VALLEY	10	\$5.00
LILY - ASIATIC	5	\$4.00 TO \$5.00

NAME	STEMS PER BUNCH	PRICE RANGE
LILY - LONGIFLORUM	5	\$5.00 TO \$10.00
LILY - ORIENTAL	5	\$6.00 TO \$13.00
LILY - LA	5	\$5.50 TO \$6.50
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
RICEFLOWER	10	\$4.50
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	\$2.50 TO \$3.00
WAX FLOWER (BUD)	10	\$3.00 TO \$4.00
WAX FLOWER (OPEN)	10	\$4.50 TO \$5.50
FOLIAGE		
ANDROMEDA (FLOWERING)		\$4.50 TO \$6.00
BAMBOO	PER STEM	\$2.00 TO \$20.00
BERZELIA LANUGINOSA	5	\$4.50 TO \$6.00
BIXIA		\$6.50
BROOME	4	\$4.00 TO \$5.00
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
GREVILLIA (FLOWERING - MOONLIGHT)		\$4.00 TO \$5.00
GUM		\$2.50
HAPPY PLANT	10	\$6.00
HYPERICUM BERRIES	10	\$5.00 TO \$8.00
HYPOCALYMYA (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
MOLUCCA BALM (IRISH BELLS)	5	\$4.50 TO \$5.50
MONSTERIA LEAVES		\$6.50 TO \$9.00
NECTARINE BUDS	4	\$5.00 TO \$7.00
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
THRYPTOMENE		\$2.50
VIBURNUM FOLIAGE		\$3.00 TO \$4.00