



the **WARATAH**



Botanical name: *Telopea speciosissima*

Family: Proteaceae

Common Name: Waratah

Country of Origin: Australia

Available: July to October

Stem Length: 30 to 70 cm

Waratahs are borne on the waratah tree, *Telopea speciosissima*, which is native to eastern NSW. Other species that are sometimes used as cut flowers are *T. oreades*, found in Gippsland, Victoria, and *T. truncata*, found in Tasmania. The latter two species are not as showy as *T. speciosissima*, and are more commonly used as garden plants, or in breeding programs. Waratahs are a much loved spring flower in Australia, particularly in NSW where they are the state flower. They were also the official flower of the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games.

Waratahs bear large red flowers in spring. Each flowerhead is surrounded by red to bronze bracts and is made up of dozens of individual florets that open from the outside in. The tightly packed buds in the centre of the flower can often have a blue appearance. Each thick woody stem bears one flower at the top, surrounded by slightly spiky green leaves. Selection and breeding has resulted in white, cream or pink flowers, but these are rare as cut flowers.

Waratahs are only available for a few weeks, from late winter to spring. They are grown on plantations mainly in Victoria and NSW.

When Buying Look for:

- Flowers with the least number of open florets, as long as some are open;
- Leaves that are fresh and green;
- Avoid flowers with a blue tinge.

Flower Care

1. Keep cool whenever possible.
2. Split bunches and strip leaves from the lower half of each stem.
3. Recut 2 cm off each stem with sharp secateurs and place in cold water immediately.
4. Never bash or split stem ends.
5. NO preservative – place in cold water with a teaspoon of bleach per half filled bucket. The sugar in preservatives causes excess nectar production.

6. Replace water every day.

7. Waratahs are very sensitive to ethylene. Keep them away from fruit, car exhausts and cigarette smoke.

Interesting Facts and Myths

Telopea is derived from the Greek 'telopos', meaning 'seen from afar', and refers to the great distance from which the crimson flowers are discernible. The specific name *speciosissima* is the superlative of the Latin adjective 'speciosus', meaning 'beautiful' or 'handsome'. 'Waratah', the Aboriginal name for the species, was adopted by early settlers at Port Jackson, which was later re-named Sydney.

For more information visit the Australian National Botanic Garden website at: <http://www.anbg.gov.au/emblems/nsw.emblem.html>



did you know the *raceday* flower for the spring racing event "BMW Caulfield Cup" is the lily of the valley? BMW Caulfield Cup, Saturday, 20 October, Caulfield

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 - YELLOW	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
ERICHEER		\$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
JONQUILS	10	\$1.30 TO \$1.50
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
LILY - LONGIFLORUM	5	\$5.00 TO \$10.00

NAME	STEMS PER BUNCH	PRICE RANGE
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
WALLFLOWERS		\$2.50 TO \$4.00
WARATAH - RED	PER STEM	\$2.50 TO \$3.00
WARATAH - WHITE	PER STEM	\$3.00 TO \$5.00
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 (FLOWERING)	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
DOGWOOD (FLOWERING)	5	\$6.00 TO \$12.00
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
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
RUSTICA		\$4.00
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