



the **PEONY ROSE**



Botanical name: Paeonia lactiflora

Family: Paeoniaceae

Common names: Peony

Country of Origin: China

Available: Spring: October to November

Stem Length: 30 to 70 cm

Long renowned for their large, often perfumed flowers, peonies have been prized for centuries by flower lovers. Flowers have several rings of petals, depending on the variety, with some looking like large ruffled garden roses. Single forms have 5 or more petals, and the fluffy yellow flower centre is clearly visible, while all you can see in double forms are ruffled petals. Flower colour ranges from pure white to pink and peach to clear red and dark maroon. Yellow forms are very rare, and there are no blue varieties – yet. Some forms, particularly double pinks, have a beautiful fragrance.

Flowering season is short – usually 6 weeks or so in late spring.

Peonies are grown in the field. Supplies come mostly from Victoria, NSW and Qld.

When Buying Look for:

- Buy when the petals are starting to open and buds have clear colour;
- Green buds will not last as long as coloured buds and fully open flowers will last about half as long as coloured buds;
- Avoid bunches with fully open flowers with torn or creased flowers.



did you know the *raceday* flower for the spring racing event “AAMI Victoria Derby” is the **cornflower?** *AAMI Victoria Derby, Saturday, 3 November, Flemington*

Flower Care

1. Keep cool at all times.
2. Strip leaves from the lower half of each stem and wash stem ends thoroughly.
3. Recut at least 2cm off each stem and place in water immediately.
4. Do not bash or split stems.
5. Always use a preservative as this will help buds to open and maintain open flowers.
6. Replace vase water with fresh preservative every day.

Interesting Facts and Myths

Peonies have been cultivated for over 2,000 years, mostly for their medicinal qualities. The peony is a traditional floral symbol of China and in 1903 it was declared the national flower, even though it is no longer officially recognised as such by the ruling party. Peony motifs, particularly bright red ones, can be found on Chinese silks and in wood carvings. The common thread is that the flower always denotes luxury and indulgence. The Japanese protect the earliest peony blooms from the snow by covering them with individual small thatched shelters. Some geishas used to wear special peony colours.

THIS WEEK'S PRICES

NAME	STEMS PER BUNCH	PRICE RANGE
AGERATUM	10	\$3.00 TO \$3.50
ALLIUM - MINI	5	\$3.50
ALLIUM - DRUMSTICK	PER STEM	\$5.00
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
AZALEA	5	\$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
BILLY BUTTONS	20	\$3.00 TO \$4.00
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
CAMPANULA (CANTERBURY BELLS)	10	\$3.00 TO \$6.00
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
CHINCERINCHEE	5	\$3.50 TO \$4.00
CHRYSANTHEMUM - DISBUD	5	\$6.50 TO \$8.50
CHRYSANTHEMUM - FIELD		\$2.50 TO \$4.50
CHRYSANTHEMUM - GLASSHOUSE	5-7	\$4.00 TO \$5.00
CLIVEA	5	\$4.00 TO \$5.00
CORNFLOWER	7	\$3.50
DAFFODILS	10	\$1.10 TO \$2.00
DAISY - SHASTA		\$2.00 TO \$3.00
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
FREESIA	10	\$2.00 TO \$4.50
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
IRIS - BEARDED	5	\$3.50
ISOPOGON	10	\$4.00
JONQUILS	10	\$1.30 TO \$1.50
KALE	PER STEM	\$4.50 TO \$5.00
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

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LIATRIS	10	\$7.50 TO \$9.50
LILAC	10	\$6.00 TO \$7.50
LILY OF THE VALLEY	10	\$5.00
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	\$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 \$3.50
LISIANTHUS	7-10	\$6.00 TO \$8.00
LOTUS PODS		\$3.00
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
PEONY ROSE	5	\$6.50
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 \$5.00
ROSE - 40CM	10	\$4.00 TO \$8.00
ROSE - 50CM	10	\$5.00 TO \$9.00
ROSE - 60CM	10	\$9.00 TO \$10.00
ROSE - 70CM+	10	\$10.00 TO \$11.00
ROSE - MINI	10	\$4.50 TO \$6.00
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
WATER LILIES	5	\$8.00
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
AZALEA (MOLLIS)		\$4.50 TO \$6.50
BAMBOO	PER STEM	\$2.00 TO \$20.00
BENZELIA LANUGINOSA	5	\$4.50 TO \$6.00
BOTTLEBRUSH (FLOWERING)	5	\$3.00 TO \$4.50
BROOME	4	\$4.00 TO \$5.00
BULLRUSHES	4	\$5.00 TO \$6.00
CORDYLINE	10	\$4.50 TO \$5.00
CUMQUAT	10	\$7.00 TO \$8.00
FAN PALM	10	\$5.00
FIGS	5	\$7.00 TO \$8.00
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
HYPERICUM BERRIES	10	\$5.00 TO \$8.00
HYPOCALYMA (MYRTLE - GOLDEN VEIL)	30CM (200GM)	\$5.50
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
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
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