

popular wedding flowers - their availability, colours and description

FLOWER	AVAILABILITY	COLOURS	DESCRIPTION
ANTHURIUM	Imported from parts of tropical Hawaii, Tahiti and Asia all year round. Locally grown in heated greenhouses	Red, Pink, Orange, Cream, White, Green and bi-colours	An exotic and waxy looking heart or arrow-shaped spathe, with a long cylindrical spadix
ARUM LILY	Winter/Spring	Creamy White with a Yellow spadix	Large slender cone shaped flower with a long yellow spadix
ASIATIC LILIES	Winter/Spring	Cream, Yellow, Orange, Burgundy, Pink shades	Also known as Tiger Lilies. Large, 6 petalled flower in an open funnel shape. (not suitable for bouquets can damage easily)
CALLA LILY/ZANTEDESCHIA	Available locally Summer/Autumn imported at other times	White, Yellow, Gold, Pink, burgundy, Purple, almost Black	Smaller than the arum lily, cone-shaped thick petalled flower with thick stems
CARNATIONS, SPRAY OR CHINS	All year	White, Pink, Yellow, Orange, Salmon and Bi-Colours	Round head and brittle stem
CARNATIONS SIM	All year	White, Cream, Pink, Yellow, various shades of Red, Lime Green, Orange, Salmon And Colours in between and Bi-Colours	Popular variety of carnation - large full head and ruffled petals, now making a big comeback in popularity
CATTLEYA ORCHID	Spring/Autumn (specially ordered)	White, Lavender, some Bi-colours	The Queen of orchids, a large voluptuous form of orchid sometimes with a fragrance and must be handled delicately
CYMBIDIUM ORCHID	Autumn/Winter/late Spring	White, Cream, pale to deep Pink, Green, Brown, Lilac, Red and many shades in between	Thick, waxy long lasting blooms with 5 pointed petals, often contrasting colours in the throat some are spotted Mini and standard blooms available
DAFFODIL	Winter/Early Spring	Yellow, Cream And Some Bi-Colours	Small tubular shaped flowers with stems up to 40cm in length
DAISY CHRYSANTHEMUM	Natural season is autumn grown all year round in greenhouses.	Bright and pastel shades Including White, Cream, Yellow, Orange, Purple, Red, Salmon, Burgundy, Lilac And Green	Tall, multi-blooming stems with typically daisy style blooms, singles, doubles and many with ruffled centres
ONCIDIUM OR DANCING LADY ORCHIDS	Imported from parts of tropical Asia all year round	Yellow, Brown	Long stem of tiny orchids which resemble crinoline skirts. Tropical and imported
DENDROBIUM ORCHID (ALSO KNOWN AS SINGAPORE ORCHIDS)	Imported from tropical parts of Asia all year round	White, Green, Lilac, pale to deep Fuchsia Pink. Also available dyed Blue	Mini blooms on a firm stem which gives a spray effect. Tropical and imported
DUTCH IRIS	All year	Lilac, Blue, with Yellow 'flags' sometimes available in White and Yellow	Long stems with large recurving petals. Easily damaged in a bouquet. Cold climate plant
ENGLISH LAVENDER	Summer	Blue, Purple	Sweet scented with fine long stems and an elegant spike form. Only available for a short time. The same variety is used as a dried flower
FREESIA	Autumn/Winter/Spring	White, Yellow, Red, Purple, Mauve, Gold	Small fragrant flower with multiple tubular shaped blooms and stems to 40cm. Mix well with other flowers
FRENCH LAVENDER	Winter/Spring	Lilac, Blue	Large head lavender with long purple 'flags' and fragrant silver grey foliage, stems to 30cm long or longer in the peak of the season
GARDENIA	Spring (Some greenhouse grown and available all year)	White	Small to large, round waxy fragrant flower with glossy green leaves. Easily marked, handle very carefully with cotton gloves
GERBERA	All year	White, Cream, Yellow, Pink, Red, Burgundy, Orange, green, Gold, singles with green, cream or black centres, doubles with full multi-petalled centres and many bi-colours	Mini standard and large flowers in the classic daisy shape with long strong leafless stems. Highly recommended for bouquets and vases
GLADIOLI	All year	Various shades of every colour including Lilac/Blue pure White, Cream, Yellows, Orange, Purple, Red, Salmon, Burgundy, Green	6 to 10 outward facing blooms on a long stem, perfect for large vases, large blooms open from bottom to top along a strong spike up to 1.5m long. Faintly fragrant
GLORIOSA LILIES	Summer/Autumn	Bright Orange, Red	A small short stemmed lily with backward facing recurved petals
GREEN GODDESS LILY	Winter/Spring	Green	A unique Arum lily with a white centre and a yellow spadix flushed with green and broad green tips
GYPSOPHILA/BABY'S BREATH	Mostly All year	White, Very Pale Pink	Large heads of tiny, delicate ball-like flowers form an overall feminine look against grey green stems
HYACINTH	Natural season is Winter/Spring however are often available year round	White, Blue, Pink, Cream, Lilac, Purple	Short, heavy stemmed flower spikes with multiple star-shaped florets on the stem. Very fragrant. The florets may be wired singly or used on their stems in hand tied bouquets or arrangements
LILY OF THE VALLEY	Mid Spring	White, Pale Pink	Heads of tiny bell shaped, sweetly fragrant blooms on short stems. Prized as a traditional cold climate flower and because of their short availability in season
LISIANTHUS	Late Spring/Summer/Autumn, though with some availability through winter	Pure White, Cream, Pink, Purple, Lilac And Bi-Colours	Long lasting and hardy multi flowered blooms that resemble a soft open rose. Very suitable for summer and autumn weddings, arranged on their own or with roses and other blooms
NOVEMBER LILY	Spring/Summer/Autumn	Creamy white and white with a purple throat	Long, tubular (10 to 15cm long) scented blooms with yellow anthers that must be removed for wedding bouquets, the multi flowered heads wonderful for bouquets and vases
ORIENTAL LILY	All Year for pink and white, check availability for new colours	White, Cream, pale to hot Pink and new varieties of Yellow and Burgundy	Large 6 petalled, fragrant blooms opening to 15 to 20cm wide, six small brown anthers must be removed before the pollen develops or it will stain.
PEONY	Usually available from the first week of November to early December, may be imported in mid Autumn	White, Pale and Deep Pinks	Round buds open into a multi petalled rose like bloom on strong stems. Flowers are delicate and highly sought after for their size and feminine beauty. Lightly fragrant
PHALAENOPSIS ORCHID	All year (best season Spring)	White, Lilac, Purple, pink, spotted and striped and harlequin hybrids, either with a yellow or pink throat. **New hybrids are available in red, yellow and apricot	Commonly known as moth orchids due to their flattened winged shape. Multiple orchids may be arranged singly or on their stems. Relatively expensive, tropical and exotic. Handle with great care to avoid bruising
ROSES	All year round however the 'David Austen' and fragrant multi petalled field grown blooms are available from late spring to late autumn	Every colour except blue though lilac/blue, silver/blue and antique shades are now available. White, cream, green, palest to deep and hot pinks, various shades of reds from scarlet through to almost black reds, yellows, orange, salmon, apricot, peach, burgundy etc	Mini, spray and large hybrid blooms. Mostly sold in bud however full, locally grown blooms may be requested. Fragrance may vary with the variety from no detectable fragrance to faint musk tones to deep fully fragrant blousy blooms
ARACHNIS OR SPIDER ORCHID	Imported from tropical parts of Asia all year round	Yellow, red, brown/red, Orange tones	Miniature spider like orchids on very long stems and many small flowers. Imported and tropical
STEPHANOTIS	Summer	Pure White	Fragrant and a very traditional wedding bouquet flower, the white, waxy, star shaped flowers about 3cm long in clusters with glossy dark green leaves. Versatile and wonderful for summer weddings
TULIP	Autumn/Winter/Spring	White, Cream, Pink, yellow, Orange, Red, Purple, single and double varieties are available with various shapes from pointed to rounded and in various shades	Classic tulip shape flowers, closed petals when purchased and will open in the warm air. Cold climate flowers and may not maintain the classic tulip shape when used out of season
VANDA ORCHIDS	Imported from tropical parts of Asia all year round	Cream, Brown/Gold, Orange, Yellow, Purple, Lilac and mid to Hot Pink	Bigger blooms and more brightly coloured than the dendrobium or spider orchids. Flowers are grouped towards the top of the strong stems. Tropical but work well with traditional flowers. Wonderful for summer weddings