

popular wedding flowers - their availability, colours and description

| FLOWER | AVAILABILITY | COLOURS | DESCRIPTION |
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| 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 |
| CATTELYA 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 recurring 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 |