













Australian wildflower product directory





This chart covers the most commonly grown products for which a quality specification or product factsheet are available (to see it, click on to the link in the right hand column). The Australian wildflower industry supplies many other products (both species and varieties of the products listed here, and additional products). These can be found in the booklet 'Flowers from Australia', available to purchase from WildFlowers Australia.






(Foliage products listed at end)






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 <p><i>A. cultriformis</i></p>	<p><i>Acacia</i></p> <p>Range of species including: <i>A. baileyana</i> (Cootamundra wattle), <i>A. buxifolia</i> (Box-leaf wattle), <i>A. cultriformis</i> (Knife-leaf wattle), <i>A. dealbata</i> (Silver wattle), <i>A. floribunda</i> (White sallow wattle), <i>A. retinodes</i> (Wirilda, Swamp wattle, Silver wattle)</p>	Wattle, mimosa flowers	Different species provide year-round product	<i>A. baileyana</i> only 3–6, other species 6–10. Species with vase lives of >7 days, include <i>A. buxifolia</i> , <i>A. cultriformis</i> , <i>A. floribunda</i> , <i>A. retinodes</i> and forms of <i>A. dealbata</i>	Flowers and foliage (depending on species)	See p. 93 in Postharvest Manual* https://rirdc.infoservices.com.au/items/10-027
	<i>Actinotus helianthi</i>	Flannel flower	August–January, peak in spring (field-grown flowers); all year round (but limited volume at times) for selected cultivars grown in greenhouses	14–21	Flowers	https://rirdc.infoservices.com.au/items/10-028
	<i>Anigozanthos</i> species Cultivar: 'Big Red'	Kangaroo paw	August–December (other cultivars flower all year round or at different times)	10–15	Flowers	https://rirdc.infoservices.com.au/items/10-029


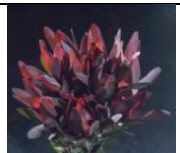



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	<i>Backhousia myrtifolia</i>	Backhousia	October–January, with peak harvest in SE Queensland in November	9–12	Flowers and foliage	p. 97 in Postharvest Manual* https://rirdc.infoervices.com.au/items/10-027
	<i>Banksia heliantha</i> (<i>D. quercifolia</i>)	Dryandra	May–September	15–17	Flowers	p. 117 in Postharvest Manual* https://rirdc.infoervices.com.au/items/10-027
	<i>Banksia formosa</i> (<i>D. formosa</i>) [#]	Dryandra	September–November	15–17	Flowers	p. 117 in Postharvest Manual* https://rirdc.infoervices.com.au/items/10-027
	<i>Banksia polycephala</i> (<i>D. polycephala</i>) [#]	Dryandra	July–November	15–17	Flowers	p. 117 in Postharvest Manual* https://rirdc.infoervices.com.au/items/10-027
	<i>Banksia</i> 'Giant Candles', <i>B. ericifolia</i> and <i>B. spinulosa</i>	<i>Banksia</i> 'Giant Candles'	April–September	10–14	Flowers and foliage	p. 101 in Postharvest Manual* https://rirdc.infoervices.com.au/items/10-027







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<p>'Giant Candles'</p>  <p><i>Banksia baxteri</i> 'Cone'[#]</p>	<i>Banksia baxteri</i>	Bird's Nest Banksia, Baxter's Banksia	November–March.	14	Flowers; woody cones or nuts (November– December)	https://rirdc.infoservices.com.au/items/10-031
	<i>Banksia coccinea</i>	Scarlet Banksia	May–November, peak August and September	10–15	Flowers	https://rirdc.infoservices.com.au/items/10-032
	<i>Banksia hookeriana</i>	Hooker's Banksia, Acorn Banksia	April–September	10	Flowers and 'Candles' (developing flowerhead) sold in March to July	https://rirdc.infoservices.com.au/items/10-033
	<i>Banksia menziesii</i>	Firewood Banksia, Menzies' Banksia	February– September	10	Flowers; cones or nuts sold all year round	https://rirdc.infoservices.com.au/items/10-034






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	<i>Banksia plagiocarpa</i>	Hinchinbrook banksia, Silver banksia	February–October, peak in April to June. Some flowers are available throughout the year.	28	Flowers and 'Candles' (developing flowerhead)	https://rirdc.infoservices.com.au/items/10-035
	<i>Berzelia lanuginosa</i>	Berzelia, Button Bush	June–November.	14–21 (green stage) 7 (white stage).	Flowers – green stage, less commonly white stage	https://rirdc.infoservices.com.au/items/10-036
	<i>Blandfordia grandiflora</i>	Christmas bells	October–January	12	Flowers	https://rirdc.infoservices.com.au/items/10-058
	<i>Boronia heterophylla</i> and hybrids, e.g. 'Lipstick'	Boronia	September–October, depending on locality - flowering season in any given locality is short, typically 2–3 weeks	7–11 (poorly handled product only 3–4).	Flowers	https://rirdc.infoservices.com.au/items/10-037
	<i>Ceratopetalum gummiferum</i> Cultivar: Alberly's Red	Christmas Bush	Variable, generally from mid October in southern Queensland–January (and as late as March in Victoria)	7–14	Flowers and foliage	https://rirdc.infoservices.com.au/items/10-038
	<i>Chamelaucium megalopetalum</i> × <i>C. uncinatum</i> hybrids Cultivar: 'Bridal Pearl'	Pearlflower	May–November, depending on locality	18–20	Flowers	https://rirdc.infoservices.com.au/items/10-040





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	<i>Chamelaucium uncinatum</i> Cultivar: 'Purple Pride'	Waxflower, Geraldton wax	June–October, depending on locality	7–12	Flowers; buds for some varieties	https://rirdc.info services.com.au/items/10-039
 <i>Conospermum triplinervium</i>	<i>Conospermum triplinervium</i> ; <i>C. crassinervium</i> ; <i>C. caeruleum</i>	White smokebush; Tassel smoke; Slender smokebush	July-December	6–17	Flowers	p. 109 in Postharvest Manual* https://rirdc.info services.com.au/items/10-027
No image available	<i>C. eatoniae</i>	Blue smokebush	July-August	9–13	Flowers	p. 109 in Postharvest Manual* https://rirdc.info services.com.au/items/10-027
	<i>Corynanthera flava</i>	Golden cascade	October–November	9–12	Flowers	p. 113 in Postharvest Manual* https://rirdc.info services.com.au/items/10-027
	<i>Doryanthes excelsa</i>	Doryanthes, Gynea lily, Giant lily	June– September, with some spikes from April and late flowers to February	up to 28	Flowers and foliage (available all year round)	https://rirdc.info services.com.au/items/10-059
	<i>Eriostemon australasius</i>	Pink Eriostemon, Waxflower	September–November	14	Flowers	p. 121 in Postharvest Manual* https://rirdc.info services.com.au/items/10-027





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	<i>Eucalyptus ficifolia</i> hybrids	Flowering eucalyptus, Gum blossom	Late November–February, smaller flushes at other times during the year	5	Flowers; other species grown for foliage, buds and nuts	https://rirdc.info services.com.au/items/10-041
	<i>Geleznowia verrucosa</i>	Yellow bells	July–August	10	Flowers	p. 129 in Postharvest Manual* https://rirdc.info services.com.au/items/10-027
 <p data-bbox="120 978 304 999">Grevillea 'Moonlight'</p>  <p data-bbox="112 1211 318 1232">Grevillea 'Honey Gem' #</p>	<i>Grevillea</i> spp. and hybrids, e.g. 'Moonlight', 'Honey Gem'	Grevillea flowers	Mainly November–May, some all year round	3–7	Flowers and foliage (depending on species)	https://rirdc.info services.com.au/items/10-042
	<i>Ixodia achillaeoides</i> ssp. <i>alata</i>	South Australian daisy, Hills daisy, Mountain daisy, Ixodia	October– March, but especially December–February, depending on cultivar and location	11	Flowers (also sold dried)	p. 133 in Postharvest Manual* https://rirdc.info services.com.au/items/10-027




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	<i>Leptospermum rotundifolium</i> Cultivar: 'Lavender Queen'	Leptospermum	September–October	7–10	Flowers; other species grown for foliage	https://rirdc.infoservices.com.au/items/10-043
	<i>Leucadendron</i> 'Safari Sunset' (<i>Leucadendron salignum</i> red form × <i>L. laureolum</i> female form) Cultivar: 'Safari Sunset'	Safari Sunset	February–December, depending on location	7–21	Flowers	https://rirdc.infoservices.com.au/items/10-045
	<i>Leucadendron floridum</i> 'Pisa'	<i>Leucadendron</i> 'Pisa'	August–November, depending on location	7–21	Flowers	https://rirdc.infoservices.com.au/items/10-046
	<i>Leucadendron laxum</i> hybrid Cultivar: 'Jubilee Crown'	Conebush, Jubilee Crown	August–December	7–21	Flowers (cones)	https://rirdc.infoservices.com.au/items/10-044
	<i>Leucospermum glabrum</i> × <i>L. lineare</i> Cultivar: 'Tango'	Pincushion, 'Tango'	July–December	15	Flowers	https://rirdc.infoservices.com.au/items/10-048


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	<i>Leucospermum patersonii</i> × <i>L. cordifolium</i> Cultivar: 'High Gold' ^{PBR}	Pincushion, High Gold	August–December	15	Flowers	https://rirdc.info services.com.au/items/10-047
	<i>Macropidia fuliginosa</i> Cultivar: 'Bush Eclipse'	Black kangaroo paw	June–November	7–21	Flowers	https://rirdc.info services.com.au/items/030
  Pink variety #	<i>Ozothamnus diosmifolius</i> (formerly <i>Helichrysum diosmifolium</i>)	riceflower, sago bush, wild rice, mountain daisy, tick bush	mid July–mid December	7–14	Flowers	https://rirdc.info services.com.au/items/10-049
	<i>Pimelia physodes</i>	Qualup bells	April–June in southern regions of WA (e.g. Albany); July–August in more northern regions (e.g. Perth)	12	Flowers	p. 145 in Postharvest Manual* https://rirdc.info services.com.au/items/10-027
	<i>Protea</i> 'Grandicolor' ^{PBR}	<i>Protea</i> 'Grandicolor'	Two flowering seasons – autumn (March–May) and spring (August–November)	10	Flowers	https://rirdc.info services.com.au/items/10-052

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 <p>White king protea #</p>	<i>Protea cynaroides</i> Cultivars: Seedlings, selections and named cultivars, including 'mini kings'	King protea	Most of the year, with a peak in July– December	14	Flowers; leaves also used	https://rirdc.infoservices.com.au/items/10-050
	<i>Protea neriifolia</i> × <i>P. susannae</i>	Protea 'Pink Ice'	February–August, depending on location	7–14	Flowers	https://rirdc.infoservices.com.au/items/10-051
	<i>Protea repens</i>	Honey Protea, "Repens"	January–July	5	Flowers	https://rirdc.infoservices.com.au/items/10-053
	<i>Ptilotus exaltatus</i> , <i>P. nobilis</i> , <i>P. obovatus</i>	Mulla mulla, Lamb's tail, Cotton bush	All year round in cultivation	10–14	Flowers (also dried)	p. 141 in Postharvest Manual* https://rirdc.infoservices.com.au/items/10-027
	<i>Scholtzia involuocrata</i>	Scholtzia	Early November–February	7–12	Flowers	https://rirdc.infoservices.com.au/items/10-055

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	<i>Serruria florida</i>	Blushing Bride	May–October	14	Flowers	https://rirdc.info services.com.au/items/10-054
	<i>Spyridium scortechinii</i> (syn. <i>Cryptandra scortechinii</i> , <i>Stenanthemum scortechinii</i>)	<i>Corroboree</i> flower, <i>Cotton</i> bush, Snow balls	Late June–October (late varieties)	28	Flowers (also sold dyed)	p. 149 in Postharvest Manual* https://rirdc.info services.com.au/items/10-027
  White waratah #	<i>Telopea speciosissima</i> Varieties: Seedlings and named cultivars	Waratah	Late August–late October, depending on cultivar, locality and season	7–14	Flowers	https://rirdc.info services.com.au/items/10-056
	<i>Thryptomene calycina</i>	<i>Thryptomene</i> , Grampians <i>Thryptomene</i> , Victorian lace flower	May–September, with peak flowering in July–August	7–14	Flowers	https://rirdc.info services.com.au/items/10-057
	<i>Verticordia nitens</i> (orange and yellow) #	Verticordia, feather flowers	Late spring–summer	1–19	Flowers and foliage	p. 153 in Postharvest Manual* https://rirdc.info services.com.au/items/10-027 Also: <i>V. brownii</i> (cream) and <i>V. grandis</i> (red)

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	<i>Verticordia serrata</i> (yellow)	Verticordia, feather flowers	Late spring–summer	1–19	Flowers and foliage	p. 153 in Postharvest Manual* https://rirdc.info services.com.au/items/10-027
	<i>Verticordia plumosa</i> (pink) #	Verticordia, feather flowers	Late spring–summer	1–19	Flowers and foliage	p. 153 in Postharvest Manual* https://rirdc.info services.com.au/items/10-027
FOLIAGE PRODUCTS						
 <i>A. baileyana</i> #  <i>A. merinthophora</i> #	Acacia Range of species including: <i>A. aphylla</i> , <i>A. baileyana</i> (green and purple, Cootamundra wattle), <i>A. holosericea</i> (Velvet leaf wattle), <i>A. merinthophora</i> (Zigzag or Twisted wattle)	Wattle, mimosa foliage	Different species provide year-round product. Foliage of <i>A. baileyana</i> is available April–August; <i>A. merinthophora</i> September–June	Foliage life is longer than flowers but varies with species, e.g. <i>A. aphylla</i> , <i>A. merinthophora</i> and <i>A. baileyana</i> 5–9; <i>A. holosericea</i> 3–8	Foliage	See p. 93 in Postharvest Manual* https://rirdc.info services.com.au/items/10-027

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	<i>Caustis blakei</i>	Koala fern	March–November	11–19	Foliage	p. 105 in Postharvest Manual* https://rirdc.infoervices.com.au/items/10-027
	<i>Doryanthes excelsa</i>	Doryanthes, Gynea lily, Giant lily	All year	14	Foliage	https://rirdc.infoervices.com.au/items/10-059
 <p data-bbox="165 1195 257 1216"><i>E. cinerea</i></p>	<i>Eucalyptus gunnii</i> , <i>E. crenulata</i> , <i>E. cinerea</i> , <i>E. pulverulenta</i> (several species are used for cut foliage)	Eucalyptus, Gum foliage	All year	7–28, depending on species	Foliage; buds and nuts, depending on species	p. 125 in Postharvest Manual* https://rirdc.infoervices.com.au/items/10-027

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 'Forest Lace'	<i>Stenocarpus</i> 'Forest Lace' ^{PBR} and 'Forest Gem' ^{PBR}	Forest lace and Forest Gem	All year	27–35	Foliage	p. 136 in Postharvest Manual* https://rirdc.infoservices.com.au/items/10-027
No image available	<i>Athertonia diversifolia</i>	Atherton oak	Most of year	23–30	Foliage	p. 136 in Postharvest Manual* https://rirdc.infoservices.com.au/items/10-027
No image available	<i>Grevillea baileyana</i>	White oak or Findlay's silky oak	Most of year	18–35	Foliage	p. 136 in Postharvest Manual* https://rirdc.infoservices.com.au/items/10-027
No image available	<i>Lomatia fraxinifolia</i>	Black-leaved silky oak and silky oak	Most of year	20–34	Foliage	p. 136 in Postharvest Manual* https://rirdc.infoservices.com.au/items/10-027

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