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).`

(Foliage products listed at end)

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A. cultriformis	Acacia Range of species including: A. baileyana (Cootamundra wattle), A. buxifolia (Box-leaf wattle), A. cultriformis (Knife-leaf wattle), A. dealbata (Silver wattle), A. floribunda (White sallow wattle), A. retinodes (Wirilda, Swamp wattle, Silver wattle)	Wattle, mimosa flowers	Different species provide year-round product	A. baileyana only 3–6, other species 6–10. Species with vase lives of >7 days, include A. buxifolia, A. cultriformis, A. floribunda, A. retinodes and forms of A. dealbata	Flowers and foliage (depending on species)	See p. 93 in Postharvest Manual* https://www.agrifutures.com.au/wp- content/uploads/publications/10-027.pdf
	Actinotus helianthi	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://www.agrifutures.com.au/wp-content/uploads/publications/10-028.pdf
THE WAY	Anigozanthos species Cultivar: 'Big Red'	Kangaroo paw	August-December (other cultivars flower all year round or at different times)	10–15	Flowers	https://www.agrifutures.com.au/wp-content/uploads/publications/10-029.pdf

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

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'Giant Candles'	Banksia baxteri	Bird's Nest Banksia, Baxter's Banksia	November–March.	14	Flowers;	https://www.agrifutures.com.au/wp-content/uploads/publications/10-031.pdf
					woody cones or nuts (November– December)	
Banksia baxteri 'Cone'"	Banksia coccinea	Scarlet Banksia	May–November, peak August and September	10-15	Flowers	https://www.agrifutures.com.au/wp-content/uploads/publications/10-032.pdf
	Banksia hookeriana	Hooker's Banksia, Acorn Banksia	April–September	10	Flowers and 'Candles' (developing flowerhead) sold in March to July	https://www.agrifutures.com.au/wp-content/uploads/publications/10-033.pdf
	Banksia menziesii	Firewood Banksia, Menzies' Banksia	February– September	10	Flowers; cones or nuts sold all year round	https://www.agrifutures.com.au/wp-content/uploads/publications/10-034.pdf

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	Banksia plagiocarpa	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://www.agrifutures.com.au/wp-content/uploads/publications/10-035.pdf
	Berzelia lanuginosa	Berzelia, Button Bush	June–November.	14–21 (green stage) 7 (white stage).	Flowers – green stage, less commonly white stage	https://www.agrifutures.com.au/wp- content/uploads/publications/10-036.pdf
	Blandfordia grandiflora	Christmas bells	October–January	12	Flowers	https://www.agrifutures.com.au/wp-content/uploads/publications/10-058.pdf
	Boronia heterophylla 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://www.agrifutures.com.au/wp-content/uploads/publications/10-037.pdf
	Ceratopetalum gummiferum Cultivar: Albery'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://www.agrifutures.com.au/wp- content/uploads/publications/10-038.pdf
	Chamelaucium megalopetalum × C. uncinatum hybrids Cultivar: 'Bridal Pearl'	Pearlflower	May-November, depending on locality	18–20	Flowers	https://www.agrifutures.com.au/wp-content/uploads/publications/10-040.pdf

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	Chamelaucium uncinatum Cultivar: 'Purple Pride'	Waxflower, Geraldton wax	June–October, depending on locality	7–12	Flowers; buds for some varieties	https://www.agrifutures.com.au/wp- content/uploads/publications/10-039.pdf
Conospermum triplinervium	Conospermum triplinervium; C. crassinervium; C. caeruleum	White smokebush; Tassel smoke; Slender smokebush	July-December	6–17	Flowers	p. 109 in Postharvest Manual* https://www.agrifutures.com.au/wp- content/uploads/publications/10-027.pdf
No image available	C. eatoniae	Blue smokebush	July-August	9–13	Flowers	p. 109 in Postharvest Manual* https://www.agrifutures.com.au/wp- content/uploads/publications/10-027.pdf
	Corynanthera flava	Golden cascade	October–November	9–12	Flowers	p. 113 in Postharvest Manual* https://www.agrifutures.com.au/wp- content/uploads/publications/10-027.pdf
	Doryanthes excelsa	Doryanthes, Gymea 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://www.agrifutures.com.au/wp-content/uploads/publications/10-059.pdf
	Eriostemon australasius	Pink Eriostemon, Waxflower	September–November	14	Flowers	p. 121 in Postharvest Manual* https://www.agrifutures.com.au/wp- content/uploads/publications/10-027.pdf

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	Eucalyptus ficifolia 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://www.agrifutures.com.au/wp-content/uploads/publications/10-041.pdf
	Geleznowia verrucosa	Yellow bells	July–August	10	Flowers	p. 129 in Postharvest Manual* https://www.agrifutures.com.au/wp- content/uploads/publications/10-027.pdf
Grevillea 'Moonlight'	Grevillea 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://www.agrifutures.com.au/wp-content/uploads/publications/10-042.pdf
Grevillea 'Honey Gem' #						
	Ixodia achillaeoides ssp. alata	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://www.agrifutures.com.au/wp- content/uploads/publications/10-027.pdf

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

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

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	Protea cynaroides 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://www.agrifutures.com.au/wp- content/uploads/publications/10-050.pdf
White king protea #						haban (lamanari fatanara)
	Protea neriifolia × P. susannae	Protea 'Pink Ice'	February–August, depending on location	7–14	Flowers	https://www.agrifutures.com.au/wp- content/uploads/publications/10-051.pdf
	Protea repens	Honey <i>Protea</i> , "Repens"	January–July	5	Flowers	https://www.agrifutures.com.au/wp-content/uploads/publications/10-053.pdf
	Ptilotus exaltatus, P. nobilis, P. obovatus	Mulla mulla, Lamb's tail, Cotton bush	All year round in cultivation	10-14	Flowers (also dried)	p. 141 in Postharvest Manual* https://www.agrifutures.com.au/wp- content/uploads/publications/10-027.pdf
	Scholtzia involucrata	Scholtzia	Early November–February	7–12	Flowers	https://www.agrifutures.com.au/wp- content/uploads/publications/10-055.pdf

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

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

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	Caustis blakei	Koala fern	March–November	11–19	Foliage	p. 105 in Postharvest Manual* https://www.agrifutures.com.au/wp- content/uploads/publications/10-027.pdf
	Doryanthes excelsa	Doryanthes, Gymea lily, Giant lily	All year	14	Foliage	https://www.agrifutures.com.au/wp-content/uploads/publications/10-059.pdf
E. cinerea	Eucalyptus gunnii, E. crenulata, E. cinerea, E. pulverulenta (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://www.agrifutures.com.au/wp- content/uploads/publications/10-027.pdf

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'Forest Lace'	Stenocarpus 'Forest Lace' PBR and 'Forest Gem', PBR	Forest lace and Forest Gem	All year	27–35	Foliage	p. 136 in Postharvest Manual* https://www.agrifutures.com.au/wp- content/uploads/publications/10-027.pdf
No image available	Athertonia diversifolia	Atherton oak	Most of year	23–30	Foliage	p. 136 in Postharvest Manual* https://www.agrifutures.com.au/wp- content/uploads/publications/10-027.pdf
No image available	Grevillea baileyana	White oak or Findlay's silky oak	Most of year	18–35	Foliage	p. 136 in Postharvest Manual* https://www.agrifutures.com.au/wp- content/uploads/publications/10-027.pdf
No image available	Lomatia fraxinifolia	Black-leaved silky oak and silky oak	Most of year	20–34	Foliage	p. 136 in Postharvest Manual* https://www.agrifutures.com.au/wp- content/uploads/publications/10-027.pdf

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