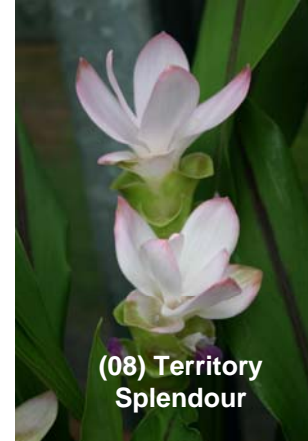


New *Curcuma* Cut Flowers

This collection of new *Curcuma* cut flowers was bred and developed by the NT Department of Resources. These new cut flower varieties have improved commercial traits such as yield, vase life, hybrid vigour and a range of colour and inflorescence forms (see attached table).

These new *Curcuma* cut flower varieties were released in 2008 to growers in the North Australia Cut Flower Group where they will be commercially propagated and made available.

For enquiries on availability of plant material contact the Northern Territory Horticultural Association (NTHA) cut flower growers group, telephone: (08) 8983 3233.

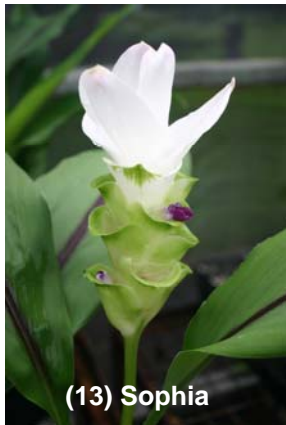


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Code	Variety Name	Stem length (cm)	Head length (cm)	Yield ¹ (stems)	Vaselife ² (days)	Spotting ³
01	Waterlily	15 – 20	12	5 – 10	Reasonable	Low
02	Pink Ruffle	40 – 50	14	10 – 20	Excellent	Low
03	Territory Cerise	30 – 40	15	5 – 10	Excellent	Low
04	Desire	30 – 40	12	4 – 8	Excellent	Low
05	Triumph	30 – 40	15	10 – 20	Excellent	Low
06	Valentine's Blush	20 – 30	16	4 – 8	Excellent	Low
07	Bella Vista	20 – 30	18	10 – 20	Excellent	Low
08	Territory Splendour	20 – 30	16	5 – 10	Reasonable	Low
09	Whitecap	20 – 30	16	4 – 8	Excellent	Low/Mod
10	Top End Peak	30 – 40	15	5 – 10	Reasonable	Low
11	Festive	30 – 40	17	5 – 10	Excellent	Low/Mod
12	Fairy Wings	30 – 40	18	4 – 8	Reasonable	Moderate
13	Sophia	30 – 40	14	5 – 10	Reasonable	Low
14	Tip Top	30 – 40	12	5 – 10	Reasonable	Low
15	Vabesi	30 – 40	19	10 – 20	Excellent	None
16	Venita	30 - 40	17	4 - 8	Excellent	None

1. Yield = number of stems/plant after two flowering seasons
2. Vaselife = Reasonable: 7 – 10 days; Excellent: 10 – 14 days
3. Spotting = incidence of spotting on inflorescence bracts