



# Crane Series Kale (Brassica oleracea)

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- Crane has a long lasting vase life.
- Uniform and unique series of cut flower.
- Genetically, the flower head was bred to be compact, however, plant spacing will determine the size of the flower as well.
- Crane Pink, Red and White have a very uniform, upright habit and complement each other.
- Crane Bicolour has a white head with a rose centre.

The round shapes and varied colours add striking beauty to winter bouquets.



Bicolour



Pink



Red



White



## CULTURAL RECOMMENDATIONS:

<p><b>SOW:</b> <b>Sowing:</b> February - July <b>Finishing:</b> 20-24 weeks from sow date. <b>Photoperiodism:</b> Daylength neutral, cool temperatures required for colour to develop.</p> <p><b>PLUG STAGE:</b> <b>Tray Size:</b> 288. <b>Germination:</b> 4-5 days at 20-25°C. <b>Ec:</b> (pour thru method). <b>Supplemental Lighting:</b> Not required. <b>Plug Finish Time:</b> 3-4 wks.</p>	<p><b>FINISHING:</b> <b>Transplant:</b> At 2-3 true leaf stage. <b>Spacing:</b> 10-15cm but best between 10-13cm as 15cm can tend to give too thick stems. Plant the end 30-40cm of each bed at double density to prevent heading of the plant. <b>Days To Flower:</b> 90-120 days. <b>Temperature:</b> 20-28°C initially for stem elongation, then less than 15°C to develop colour. <b>Common Pests:</b> Aphids.</p>	<p><b>NOTES:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Crop time of 3.5 months during winter, or 3 months if planted before the onset of cold temperatures.</li><li>• NEVER hold plugs in trays as this will cause the plants to sit and not gain height due to root binding.</li><li>• Netting is suggested as plants will fall over and produce a curved stem, making them unsuitable for cut flower use.</li><li>• When the plants are 25.4cm tall, remove lower leaves. Repeat 3 or 4 times</li></ul>	<p>as the plants grow taller.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Do final strip after harvesting.</li><li>• Give plants adequate fertiliser during young growing stage.</li><li>• Fertilisation should be stopped once the flowers colour.</li></ul> <p>Information is based on average data compiled in Northern Hemisphere (<i>dates shown are southern hemisphere</i>). Physical characteristics, adaptability and disease tolerance may vary under different conditions.</p>
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