

# Neroli Essential oil Egypt

*Citrus aurantium var. amara L.*



**Floral**  
Powdery



Botanical family : Rutaceae  
Method of culture : Conventional  
Part harvested : Flowers

CAS TSCA : 8016-38-4  
INCI : Citrus aurantium amara flower oil

## Specifications

Method for obtaining : Steam distillation  
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Appearance : Pale yellow to amber yellow limpid liquid  
Constituents : Linalol, Limonene, beta-pinene, Linalyl acetate

## Harvest period

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The bitter orange, or *Citrus aurantium ssp. amara L.*, is a member of the Rutaceae family, which encompasses more than 900 species, including those of the Citrus genus, such as the lemon tree or mandarin orange tree. The bitter orange tree is relatively small, standing four to seven meters high, with bright-green foliage that, come springtime, is interspersed with a plethora of white, waxy flowers containing the intoxicating essence of orange blossom. In the 17th century, the Princess of Nerola was infatuated with the unique, sweet fragrance of this flower. She used it in her bath water, as well as to scent her clothes and gloves. Orange blossom essential oil today bears her name, as it is now commonly called neroli.

The bitter orange tree, or Seville orange tree, native to East Asia, was brought to Europe during the Crusades of the 10th century. Since then, it has been cultivated in the Mediterranean basin for its fragrant flowers, which have helped forge the reputation of the Grasse region. These flowers are the source of neroli essential oil, orange blossom absolute, orange blossom floral water or orange blossom floral water absolute. The fruits and young twigs can also be distilled to obtain bitter orange essential oil and petitgrain essential oil. Bitter orange blossoms, being fragile and delicate, are hand-gathered in the morning when they first open, to preserve their rich aromas. Egyptian neroli essential oil, obtained through steam distillation, has characteristic floral, fresh, green notes. Neroli, widely used in perfumery, is also known to have soothing aromatherapeutic properties.

Advised uses : Aromatherapy, Perfumery, Cosmetic, Alimentary



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