

Botanical Name: Cestrum nocturnum

Common Name: Night jessamine

Type of Plant: dicot; shrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape upright, arching pattern of long slender, willowy branches
to form dense congested canopy

Height 6-12' (15') Spread equal Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors partial sun/shade, full sun along the coast

Soil prefers moist, rich loam, tolerates most

Hardiness some frost, prefers warmth (zones 13, 16-24)

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, alternate, ovate-elliptic, 4-8" long, soft,
light green

Flowers tubular, white, very fragrant (night), 3/4" long, terminal/
axillary clusters -- fall, intermittent year-round

Fruit 1/4" white berry - poisonous

Propagation: seed, semi-hardwood cuttings

Usage: fast growing, large filler/background -- fragrance
quick screen for tropical/moist climate landscapes

Landscape Care:

Watering likes regular to heavy watering

Fertilizing balanced in spring, add iron to treat chlorosis

Pruning frequent tipping back to encourage dense form

Pests/Diseases treehoppers, aphids, spider mites, snails

Special Conditions tolerates severe pruning

Origin: W. Indies Family: Solanaceae