

## Cestrum nocturnum

### (Queen of night, Night Jasmine)

The plant is a fast growing slender shrub. Leaves are thin, simple leathery. The long tubular bell-shaped green flowers of Night Blooming Jasmine open at night to release their perfume. In the evening the fragrance becomes almost intoxicating. Plants bloom on and off during the warmer months of the year. Night Blooming Jasmine grows very fast. Fruits are toxic. It prefers rich soil and full sun. Should be pruned heavily to maintain the shape. This is a popular landscape plant in warm climates. For a mixed border, background, or as a free standing specimen. Use it in butterfly gardens, as night blooming jessamine provides food for some caterpillars.



Plant Image

#### Landscape Information

Malikat al-leil :**Arabic Name**

**Pronunciation:** SES-trum NOK-ter-num

**Plant Type:** Shrub

**Origin:** Tropical America and West Indies

**Heat Zones:** 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16

**Hardiness Zones:** 8, 9, 10, 11, 12

**Uses:** Hedge, Specimen, Wildlife

#### Size/Shape

**Growth Rate:** Fast

**Tree Shape:** Upright

**Canopy Symmetry:** Irregular

**Canopy Density:** Medium

**Canopy Texture:** Medium

**Height at Maturity:** 1.5 to 3 m

**Spread at Maturity:** 1.5 to 3 meters

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Flower Image

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## Botanical Description

### Foliage

**Leaf Arrangement:** Alternate

**Leaf Venation:** Pinnate

**Leaf Persistence:** Evergreen

**Leaf Type:** Simple

**Leaf Blade:** 5 - 10 cm

**Leaf Shape:** Ovate

**Leaf Margins:** Entire

**Leaf Textures:** Glossy

**Leaf Scent:** Unpleasant

**Color(growing season):** Green

**Color(changing season):** Green

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### Flower

**Flower Showiness:** True

**Flower Size Range:** 10 - 20

**Flower Type:** Cyme

**Flower Sexuality:** Monoecious (Bisexual)

**Flower Scent:** Pleasant

**Flower Color:** Green

**Seasons:** Year Round

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### Trunk

**Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage:** Generally resists breakage

**Number of Trunks:** Multi-Trunked

**Trunk Esthetic Values:** Not Showy

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### Fruit

**Fruit Type:** Berry

**Fruit Showiness:** False

**Fruit Size Range:** 0 - 1.5, 1.5 - 3

**Fruit Colors:** White

**Seasons:** Year Round

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### Horticulture Management

#### Tolerance

**Frost Tolerant:** Yes

**Heat Tolerant:** Yes

**Drought Tolerant:** No

**Salt Tolerance:** Poor

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#### Requirements

**Soil Requirements:** Clay, Loam, Sand

**Soil Ph Requirements:** Acidic, Neutral

**Water Requirements:** Moderate

**Light Requirements:** Full

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#### Management

**Toxicity:** No

**Invasive Potential:** Yes

**Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases:** No

**Pruning Requirement:** Needed, to develop a strong structure

**Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter:** No

**Surface Rooting:** No

**Life Span:** Less than 25

**Edible Parts:**

**Pests:** Caterpillars, Scales, Beetles

**Plant Propagations:** Seed, Cutting, Layering

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