

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

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

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

Trunk

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Generally resists breakage

Number of Trunks: Multi-Trunked

Trunk Esthetic Values: Not Showy

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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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: Yes

Heat Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: No

Salt Tolerance: Poor

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral

Water Requirements: Moderate

Light Requirements: Full

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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