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

Pronounciation: 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 Persistance: 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

Toxity: 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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