

Night Blooming Jasmine

Cestrum nocturnum



**Do not
plant this
in your yard!**



Photo: Forest and Kim Starr



Photo: BII/SC



Photo: Forest and Kim Starr

Night-blooming jasmine is a highly invasive ornamental plant known for its strongly fragrant flowers. It is very hard to control in a landscape once established.

Night-blooming jasmine is considered one of Hawaii's most invasive horticultural plants.



High Risk

Description:

A fast growing shrub that can reach 20' high. It forms many woody stems that curve down and re-root, creating a tangle of greenish branches.

Flower:

Flowers are tubular, white, and highly fragrant at night.

Leaves:

Leaves are shiny, alternate, and elliptical shaped. Can grow up to 6" long.

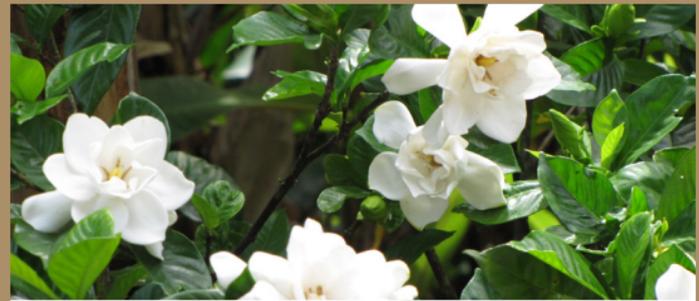
Fruit:

Fruit is white and pea-sized with styrofoam-like texture, appealing to birds.

Impacts and Harm:

NBJ grows rapidly and quickly shades out surrounding vegetation. The dense stems form an impenetrable thicket, and because birds spread the seeds far from the original planting, it easily escapes cultivation. Currently invading native koa forests.

Plant this instead:



Gardenia (Gardenia augustus)