



Cestrum nocturnum

Common Name(s):

queen of the night

Current Threat Status (2009):

Exotic

Habitat:

Terrestrial.

Features:

Shrub, generally 1.5-2.5 m high, almost glabrous. Petiole c. 1cm long. Lamina 5-15 X 1.5-6 cm, elliptic to elliptic-ovate, glabrous or with minute puberulence when young; base cuneate to rounded, sometimes asymmetric; apex abruptly acuminate. Panicle open, large; fls usually shortly pedicellate, sometimes subsessile, fragrant nocturnally. Calyx 2-3 mm long; lobes >1 mm long, +/- triangular, densely ciliolate, acut. Corolla 1.5-2 cm long, pale green or greenish white; tube cylindric to narrow-funnelform, widening slightly above; lobes 3 mm long, eventually spreading, glabrous except for shortly villous margins. Fruit c. 0.5 - 1 cm diameter, globose to ellipsoid, white glossy. (Webb et al 1988).

Flowering:

November, December, January, February, March

For more information, visit:

http://nzpcn.org.nz/flora_details.asp?ID=3669



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