PLANT FACT SHEET

Cestrum nocturnum Linnaeus

GENUS *Cestrum* **FAMILY** Solanaceae

COMMON NAMES Night-flowering Cestrum

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

The leaves are cooked in fat with tortillas.
Caution: Many Cestrum plants contain alkaloids that are poisonous. The flowers can cause allergies.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen shrub. It grows 2-4 m tall. The leaf stalk is less than 1.2 cm long. The leaf blades are narrowly oval and 8-16 cm long by 3-5 cm wide. The flowers have a strong smell at night. The fruit are small white berries.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It is best with rich, moist, well-drained soils. It needs a protected, sunny position. It is damaged by drought or frost. In Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown from seed or cuttings.

Harvesting and Seed Production

It is fast growing.

PICTURES



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