

Cestrum parqui

COMMON NAMES

green cestrum

BIOSTATUS

Exotic

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

FLOWER COLOURS

Green, Yellow

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Shrub, generally 1-3 m high. Petiole to 1 cm long. Lamina 1-12-(14) X 0.5-3 cm, lanceolate to narrow-ovate, minutely puberulent when young, otherwise glabrous; base attenuate or cuneate; apex acute to short-acuminate. Infl. paniculate, dense; branches +/- puberulent; fls subsessile or with long pedicels to 7 mm long, fragrant nocturnally. Calyx 3-6 mm long; lobes 1 mm long, +/- triangular, obtuse to subacute; margins shortly villous. Corolla 1.5-2.3 cm long, greenish yellow or pale brownish yellow; tube narrow-salverform, widening slightly above; lobes 3.5-6 mm long, narrowly triangular, patent, shortly villous inside and on margins, acute or short-acuminate. Fr 7-10 X 6-8 mm, broad-ovoid to broad-ellipsoid, glossy, black or purplish black (Webb et al 1988).

HABITAT

Terrestrial.

GENUS

Cestrum

FAMILY

Solanaceae

AUTHORITY

Cestrum parqui L'Hér.

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

FLOWERING

November, December, January, February, March, April, May, June

YEAR NATURALISED

1908

ORIGIN

Warm temperate South America

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Ornamental.

TOLERANCES

Resistant to frosts.



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LIFE CYCLE AND DISPERSAL

Perennial.

NATIONAL PEST PLANT ACCORD SPECIES

This plant is listed in the 2020 National Pest Plant Accord. The National Pest Plant Accord (NPPA) is an agreement to prevent the sale and/or distribution of specified pest plants where either formal or casual horticultural trade is the most significant way of spreading the plant in New Zealand. For up to date information and an electronic copy of the 2020 Pest Plant Accord manual (including plant information and images) visit the [MPI website](#).

NVS CODE

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