

# Jasminum officinale

## COMMON NAMES

poet's jasmine

## BIOSTATUS

Exotic

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## CATEGORY

Vascular

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

## FLOWER COLOURS

White

## GENUS

Jasminum

## FAMILY

Oleaceae

## AUTHORITY

Jasminum officinale L.

## ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## YEAR NATURALISED

1958

## ORIGIN

Sino-Himalayan region

## ETYMOLOGY

**jasminum:** Believed to be derived from 'ysmyn', the Arabic name for Jasmine.

**officinale:** From the Latin officina shortened from opificina which originally meant 'workshop' but later came to mean a monastic storeroom, herb-room or pharmacy. Refers to the plant's medicinal value.

## REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

Johnson, A. T. and Smith, H. A (1986). Plant Names Simplified: Their pronunciation, derivation and meaning. Landsman Bookshop Ltd: Buckenhill, UK.

## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/jasminum-officinale/>

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