

# Brugmansia ×candida

## COMMON NAME

angel's trumpet

## SYNONYMS

*Brugmansia candida* Pers.

## FAMILY

Solanaceae

## AUTHORITY

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## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## HABITAT

A frost-tender plant mainly found in lowland areas towards the coast (Landcare Research 1999).

## DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Soft-wooded shrub, 3m high. Leaves 8-20 x 3-25 cm, plant is covered in very fine hairs. White, pendant, trumpet-like flowers 20-30 cm long. Fruit is occasionally produced.

## SIMILAR TAXA

*Brugmansia* species are often confused with *Datura* species (due to the common name) however, *Brugmansia* species are soft-wooded shrubs or small trees, while *Datura* species are herbaceous. *B. candida* is very similar to *B. suaveolens* but can be separated by the persistently hairy leaves. *B. sanguinea* is also similar but has yellow flowers which are often tinged red.

## FLOWER COLOURS

White

## YEAR NATURALISED

1958

## ORIGIN

Probably Peru and Columbia

## ETYMOLOGY

**brugmansia:** Named after Sebald Justin Brugmans (24 March 1763 – 22 July 1819) who was an early 18th century professor of natural history at the University of Leyden. He was also a military physician and instrumental in establishing emergency hospital facilities and improvement of hospital and barrack conditions.

**candida:** White



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**Life Cycle Comments**

Believed to be mostly spread by cuttings so seed set is rare.

**Reproduction**

Mostly vegetative, some seed.

**Seed**

rare

**Dispersal**

People, birds.

**Poisonous plant:**

All parts of this plant are poisonous.

**MORE INFORMATION**

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/brugmansia-candida/>