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*Cestrum diurnum*

[Synonyms : *Cestrum album*, *Cestrum diurnum* var. *fasciatiflorum*, *Cestrum diurnum* var. *portoricense*, *Cestrum diurnum* var. *tinctorium*, *Cestrum diurnum* var. *venenatum*, *Cestrum elongatum*, *Cestrum fastigiatum*, *Cestrum tinctorium*]

**DAY-BLOOMING JESSAMINE** is an evergreen shrub or tree. Native to tropical America it has small sweetly scented, white flowers.

It is also known as Chinese inkberry, Day-blooming cestrum, Day cestrum, Day jasmine, Day jessamine, and King of the day.

The fruit are particularly attractive to some birds, especially myna birds, which disperse the seeds.

Warning – the leaves and berries (unripe and ripe) are poisonous and can cause fever, gastroenteritis, salivation, excitability, hallucinations and paralysis. Sometimes the flower scent can cause dizziness, nausea, headaches, and throat and respiratory irritation.

*Diurnum* is Latin (belonging to a day, lasting for a day) meaning ‘day-flowering’.