

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stem. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, about 20 km north of Wisemans Ferry



Fruiting stem. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, about 20 km north of Wisemans Ferry



Shrub. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, about 20 km north of Wisemans Ferry

Common name

Green Cestrum, Green Poisonberry, Willow Leaved Jessamine

Family

Solanaceae

Where found

Forest margins, open **woodland**, pastures, roadsides, parks, old gardens, disturbed sites, and near streams. Coast and ranges north from Kiama. Occasionally farther south.

Notes

Introduced shrub to 4 m high. Fruit fleshy. Bark smooth, mottled grey, sometimes the bark at the base of mature plants grooved. Stems and leaves have an unpleasant odour when rubbed. Young stems with prominent **lenticels**, hairy with minute **simple** hairs, soon becoming hairless. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 2–12 cm long, 5–40 mm wide, hairy with fine hairs when young, but become hairless as they mature, margins often wavy. Flowers yellow or greenish yellow, tubular, the tube narrow, 12–25 mm long, with 5–7 lobes each 2.5–6 mm long. Flowers in large dense clusters. Flowering: throughout the year. Fruit black or purplish-black, glossy, oval to oval, 8–15 mm long.

General Biosecurity Duty all NSW. General Biosecurity Duty with additional restrictions in the Central Tablelands, Greater Sydney, and Murray areas, NSW. Noxious weed Vic.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Cestrum~parqui> (accessed 7 January, 2021)

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