

Night Flowering Jasmine

Nyctanthes arbor-tristis



Night-flowering jasmine is a large shrub or small tree native to South Asia and India. It typically grows 5-10 feet tall but can reach up to 20 feet in favorable conditions. The plant has rough, hairy leaves and produces clusters of highly fragrant white flowers with bright orange centers. Blossoms open at night, fill the air with perfume, and fall by morning, carpeting the ground with petals. It prefers full sun to partial shade and well-drained soil with moderate watering. It is hardy to the mid 30's for short periods, placing it in USDA Zone 10-11 with frost protection recommended. The plant flowers in late summer to fall in many tropical gardens and responds well to monthly fertilization. Attracts butterflies & hummingbirds. (This plant is NOT related to *Cestrum nocturnum*, though their common names are nearly identical!)