

# *Cestrum nocturnum*

## NIGHTFLOWERING JESSAMINE

*Solanaceae*

Common Synonyms: *none*

**FLEPPC Category:** -

**FDACS Listed Noxious Weed:** No

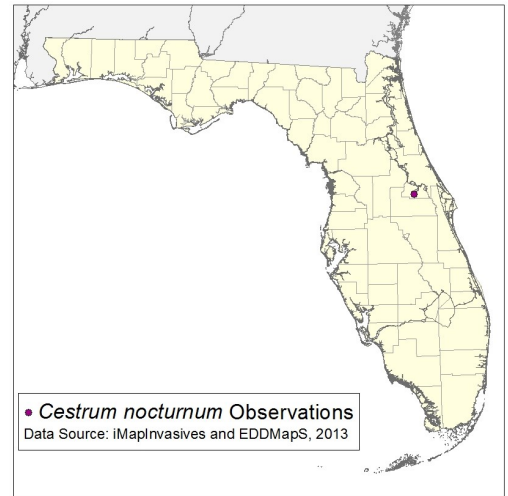
**IFAS Assessment**

North	OK
Central	OK
South	OK

**USDA Hardiness Zone:** 8b - 11

**Growth Habit:** Shrub

**Origin:** Tropical America and Cuba



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**Description:** Shrub to 5 m tall. Leaves stalked, ovate-oblong and 7-20 cm long. Fragrant greenish-white flowers in clusters, bloom at night. Fruit a small white berry 8-10 mm long.

**Habitat:** Disturbed uplands

**Comments:** Common landscape species known to be invasive in tropical areas. Vouchered from Monroe, Lee, and Tampa Bay area. Seeds dispersed by birds and plant reproduces vegetatively.

**Florida Introduction Date:** specimen vouchered in 1972

**Control Methods:**

Mechanical: Hand pull small plants (ISSG)

Chemical: Basal bark (20% triclopyr ester in crop oil, ISSG), cut-stump (triclopyr amine, ISSG)

**Useful Resources:**

Dave's Garden. 2013. PlantFiles: Night blooming jasmine, Night scented jessamine, Queen of the night, *Cestrum nocturnum*. <http://davesgarden.com/guides/pf/go/2128/>. Accessed on December 3, 2013.

ISSG. 2010. Global Invasive Species Database: *Cestrum nocturnum*. <http://www.issg.org/database/species/ecology.asp?si=851>. Accessed on December 3, 2013.