

## Plant of the Month — April 2015

*Parsonsia diaphanophleba* F.Muell.



*Parsonsia diaphanophleba* is a woody climber to 10 m high with cream to pale pink flowers that is restricted to river banks in the Pinjarra area. It was described in 1861 by Victorian Government botanist Ferdinand von Mueller who derived the name from the Greek *diaphanes* (transparent or distinct) and *phleps* (vein), possibly in reference to nerves on the petals. While flowering has been observed from summer to early spring, it has most commonly been recorded in early autumn.

There are 37 species of *Parsonsia* in Australia, only three of which occur in Western Australia: *P. diaphanophleba* is the only species in the south-west of the state, while *P. kimberleyensis* and *P. velutina* can be found in the Kimberley region.

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