

## Plant of the Month — June 2017

### *Jasminum calcareum* F.Muell. — Poison Creeper



*Jasminum calcareum* (Poison Creeper) is an erect suckering perennial herb growing to one metre high. It produces sprays of white flowers that were described as “*fragrantissim*” (very fragrant) by F.J.H. von Mueller when he first published this taxon in 1859. This species occurs in NT, Qld, and WA, where it can be found on rocky or calcareous soils in Eremaean regions and along coastal areas from Geraldton to Broome.

In addition to the striking flowers, the plant produces succulent, very dark purple to black fruits that are toxic to humans if ingested.

The genus *Jasminum* (Jasmine) consists of shrubs and vines and belongs to the family Oleaceae (olive family). It contains around 200 species native to tropical and warm temperate regions of Eurasia, Australasia and Oceania.

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