

# Brugmansia suaveolens

## COMMON NAME

night bells

## FAMILY

Solanaceae

## AUTHORITY

*Brugmansia suaveolens* (Humb. & Bonpl. ex Willd.) Sweet

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## HABITAT

Terrestrial.

## DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Soft woody perennial shrub up to 3 m tall. The leaves are large (25 x 12 cm) and papery. Large white trumpet-shaped flowers are produced throughout most of the year, these are very fragrant at night. Fruiting has not been noted.

## SIMILAR TAXA

*Brugmansia* species are often confused with *Datura* species (due to the common name) however, *Brugmansia* species are soft-wooded shrubs or small trees, while *Datura* species are herbaceous. *B. suaveolens* is very similar to *B. candida* but can be separated by the leaves becoming hairless. *B. sanguinea* is also similar but has yellow flowers which are often tinged red.

## FLOWERING

October, November, December, January, February, March, April, May, June, July

## FLOWER COLOURS

White

## YEAR NATURALISED

1977

## ORIGIN

N. Andes

## ETYMOLOGY

**brugmansia:** Named after Sebald Justin Brugmans (24 March 1763 – 22 July 1819) who was an early 18th century professor of natural history at the University of Leydon. He was also a military physician and instrumental in establishing emergency hospital facilities and improvement of hospital and barrack conditions.

## Reason For Introduction

Ornamental

## Reproduction

Uncertain, vegetative spread or seed.

## Dispersal

People, machinery.

## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/brugmansia-suaveolens/>

