

Clematis flammula

COMMON NAME

fragrant virgin's bower

FAMILY

Ranunculaceae

AUTHORITY

Clematis flammula L.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Lianes & Related Trailing Plants - Dicotyledons

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

HABITAT

Terrestrial.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Deciduous woody climber, stem terete, weak ribbing. Leaves very sparsely hairy, green & thick, 2-pinnate, 8-15 x 3-12cm, ovate to lanceolate, cuneate to truncate at base, acute to obtuse; margin entire or 2-3 lobed; petiole glabrous, 4-5cm long. Small white flowers 20-30 mm diameter with 4 sepals. Seeds hairy & compressed, 5-6mm long.

SIMILAR TAXA

Superficially similar to *C. vitalba* but leaves are 2-pinnate and sepal lobes relatively longer and narrower..

FLOWERING

January, February, March.

FLOWER COLOURS

White

FRUITING

Unripe in February, ripe April-May

LIFE CYCLE

Perennial

YEAR NATURALISED

1968

ORIGIN

Eurasia, N Africa

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Ornamental

ETYMOLOGY

clematis: From the Greek klema 'vine', alluding to the vine-like habit of many species



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Young fruit, sprawling vine in long grass, Portal St - Anzac Pde corner, Whanganui. Photographer: Colin C. Ogle, Licence: CC BY-NC.

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