

Jasminum officinale

COMMON NAME

poet's jasmine

FAMILY

Oleaceae

AUTHORITY

Jasminum officinale L.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

FLOWER COLOURS

White

YEAR NATURALISED

1958

ORIGIN

Sino-Himalayan region

ETYMOLOGY

jasminum: Believed to be derived from 'ysmyn', the Arabic name for Jasmine.

officinale: From the Latin officina shortened from opificina which originally meant 'workshop' but later came to mean a monastic storeroom, herb-room or pharmacy. Refers to the plant's medicinal value.

REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

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MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/jasminum-officinale/>

