

Sacred datura

Solanaceae

Datura wrightii



In the Garden

Sacred datura is a vigorous herbaceous perennial that grows 1' tall and 6' wide.

The flowers are the most striking feature, being sweetly fragrant white trumpets up to 8" long, margins often tinted purple.

Very long blooming time. Blooms from April to October. The flowers open when cloudy or during the night.

All parts of the plant contain a powerful narcotic, so place it wisely.

Combine with other sun-and-dry lovers such as Sagebrush and Sages.

Sun: Full sun

Water: Dry, Light, Moderate

Soil: Clay, Loam, Sand

Other: Drought Tolerant

Ecological Value:

Hawk moths use the plant as one of its main food sources in both adult and larval stages.

Historical Uses:

Very powerful narcotic in small doses, deadly at anything higher. This plant was ritualistically used in religious ceremonies amongst a number of indigenous groups.

Native Distribution:

Native to California and is also found elsewhere in North America and beyond.

Elevation:

Between 0 and 4000 feet

Plant Communities:

Coastal Sage Scrub, Valley Grassland, Joshua Tree Woodland, Pinyon-Juniper Woodland

Habitat:

Sandy washes and along roadsides.

