



戶外通識教室：狗牙花潔白晶瑩

Nature's Classroom: Adorable snow white-Crepe Jasmine

狗牙花是栽培種的灌木，夾竹桃科，原產於印度、雲南及泰國北部。其花白色，花冠盆形，聚傘花序頂生，花期4-9月。狗牙花的名稱雖不高貴，但它的花晶瑩潔白，而且多數是重瓣花，數重花瓣呈波浪狀捲曲，有若凌波仙子，襯托在翠綠葉叢中，並在黃昏及入夜後散發出微微芳香，對比其他艷色花卉，賞之令人別有一番情趣！。



Crepe Jasmine (*Tabernaemontana divaricata*)
Crepe Jasmine is a cultured shrub, Apocynaceae family, native to parts of India to China Yunnan & northern Thailand. It has oblong leaves with wavy margins that are dark green above & pale green beneath, it produces cymes of 4-6 salverform waxy, pure white flowers, scented at dusk & after dark. It flowers between Apr-Sep. Although it has a poor Chinese name “Dogtooth Flower”, its flower is usually double-petalled, with overlapped petals curling like waves, these adorable snow white flowers stand like fairies amidst verdant foliage & transpire a subtle, mesmeric fragrance.

