



Vines, leaves, and flowers

Planting Tips:

Plant with seeds or cuttings. The Carolina jasmine is drought and wind tolerant growing best in areas receiving plenty of sun. Pruning is best done after blooming season is finished. It is best trained to grow horizontally; a vertical growth will cause the lower flowers to be shaded out, thus preventing blooming.

Habitat:

This plant is seen mostly in landscapes and woodland areas.

Visitor Education Center (VEC)

About Us

The Visitor Education Center (VEC) at the North Mississippi Fish Hatchery is the first and only facility of its kind in Mississippi. It is owned and operated by the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks.

In addition to the native habitat area, the VEC features a 10,000 gallon aquarium, interactive exhibits, displays, artifacts, fishing rodeo pond, gift shop and gallery, and the World Record White Crappie. All of these elements serve as entertaining and engaging learning experiences for all visitors.

The VEC promotes the sport of freshwater fishing in Mississippi, and encourages the conservation and stewardship of aquatic resources. The facility offers guided and self-guided tours along with a myriad of programs and workshops for the public.



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MISSISSIPPI NATIVE: CAROLINA JASMINE

(Gelsemium sempervirens)

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Jasmine bloom clusters

Description/Season:

The Carolina jasmine is a high climber with wiry, twining stems. These tough stems will climb and wrap around neighboring trees and shrubs.

Yellow flowers are tubular and very fragrant, growing individually from the vine and forming small clusters. Its small leaves are deep green and waxy in appearance.

A perennial, Carolina jasmine's flowers bloom from late winter into early spring. Blooms are still seen from the last of February into early April.

Size:

The vine itself is 10 to 20 feet long, and flowers are approximately 1 inch long.

Other Names:

*Yellow Jessamine,
Evening Trumpetflower,
Poor Man's Rope*



Dragonfly on leaf



Honeybee on bloom

Interesting Facts:

Carolina jasmine climbs on a variety of structures from fences and trellises to shrubs and trees. It is very popular as a “mailbox plant.” Although a favorite in Mississippi landscapes, it is North Carolina's state plant.

This plant attracts butterflies, and bees, but **every portion is toxic and should not be consumed.**



Information Sources: Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, MSU Extension, Clemson.edu, USDA, and VEC Staff. Pictures taken at the VEC (Wiggins, E.J.); property of MDWFP.