



HAVE YOU SEEN THIS PLANT?
It is an Emergent Invasive in Orange County

BLADDERFLOWER
Araujia sericifera

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Distribution map & info:

- calflora.org/cgi-bin/species_query.cgi?where-calrecnum=505
- not listed by Cal-IPC.



Flowering is Aug.-Oct; flowers have a pleasant fragrance reminiscent of stephanotis or jasmine.



Bladderflower is a perennial vine that is very vigorous where it gets summer water. It was a common weed in citrus groves, where it would enshroud & smother entire trees if not controlled. Stems are tough and ropy, leaves thick & slightly spongy. Sap is milky white, moderately poisonous & causes skin irritation.





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Seeds are produced in large, plumpish fruits (follicles) that feel slightly spongy. When ripe, the fruit splits down one side & turns itself inside out. This puts the numerous, loosely attached seeds, each with a crown of silky hairs, on a flexible convex surface where they can readily be parachuted away and dispersed by the wind.

IF YOU SEE THIS PLANT AT A SITE THAT'S NOT ON THE LIST:

- Record the plant's location as exactly as you can (GPS coordinates if possible), the date you saw it, and an estimate of how many there were. Include the site's landowner or manager, if known.
- Take identifying photos: the whole plant & its surroundings, closeups of leaves, flowers & fruits/pods.
- If you take a sample, place it immediately into a sealed bag.
- To avoid spreading the plant, check your clothing and shoes thoroughly before leaving the area, and remove and bag all traces of seeds.
- Report the find immediately to **invasives@occnps.org**.