

JIMSON WEED

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Jimson (*datura stramonium*) is a weed often found in our farms and gardens.
- Though used in traditional medicine, the weed is known for producing undesirable hallucinogenic effects that have resulted in hospitalization and death when used in toxic amounts.
- It is very important that jimsonweed is removed from any garden bed in which it is discovered.

IDENTIFICATION

- Jimson weed is notable for its leafy, smooth, and pale yellow-green stem and its smooth, toothed, and irregularly wavy long leaves.
- During the summer, a jimson weed will produce trumpet-shaped fragrant flowers with a white or violet color.



REMOVAL

- Like other weeds, it is important to pull out jimson from the base of the plant and get the root system out of the soil along with the rest of the plant.
- While removing jimson weed, it is essential that you wear gloves to avoid any of the plant's potentially toxic effects.
- Rather than discarding jimson in the compost or tossing it aside like you might with other weeds, toss it into a garbage bag to make sure that the weed does not reseed in other areas of the farm or garden.