

## Horse nettle - Plant

Horsenettle species are herbaceous perennial plants, branching occurs occasionally.

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### Description for Horse nettle

**Plant height:** 3 - 6 inches (7 - 16 cm)

**Plant spread:**

Solanum elaeagnifolium (Silverleaf Nightshade, Prairie Berry, Silverleaf Nettle, White Horsenettle ) and Solanum carolinense L.(Horse nettle, Apple of Sodom, Carolina horsenettle, nightshade)

Silverleaf Nightshade gets its name from the silvery hairs that cover the plant, along with the nettle-like prickles. The leaves are 2-4 inches long, with wavy edges. Flowers are violet-purple or white, about 2 cm across, with 5 petal-like lobes that are joined at the base, forming a triangular shape at the tip of each lobe.

Horse-nettle is not related to true nettles, but rather to nightshade, tomatoes, and potatoes. The horse nettle flower has five broad, pointed petals that form a somewhat star-shaped corolla

**Common name(s):** Horse nettle, Apple of Sodom, Carolina horsenettle, Nightshade, Silverleaf Nightshade, Prairie Berry, Silverleaf Nettle, White Horsenettle

**Flower colours:** White, Purple White, Purple

**Bloom time:** May, Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep, Oct

**Max reachable height:** Up to 3 ft

**Difficulty to grow:** Easy to grow

## Planting and care

**Sunlight:** Full Sun

**Soil:** Well-drained soil

**Water:** Medium

**Temperature:** 68 degrees to 86 degrees F (20 degrees to 30 degrees C)

**Fertilizer:** Apply any organic fertilizer

## Caring for Horse nettle

The yellow fruits resemble small tomatoes and remain on the plant for months. They are said to be poisonous. The lavender, star-shaped flowers with yellow centers look attractive in the silvery foliage. But the plant is an aggressive, poisonous weed, spreading steadily from deep rootstocks; in a few states, it is classified as a noxious weed.

## Typical uses of Horse nettle

**Special features:** Characteristics distinguishing horsenettle from other nightshades are its perennial spreading roots and prickly stems and leaves. Five thick stamens of *Solanum carolinense* seem to have a "beak" shape.

**Ornamental use:** The plant is used for an ornamental purpose.

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Very nice plant. Got delivered with very good condition. Gonna order one more

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