

What's Blooming?

November - January

Christmas Bush, Snow Bush, Pascuita
Euphorbia leucocephala

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Pine Island, Florida
4 December

Origin: Southern Mexico to El Salvador

Form: Shrub

Typical Dimension: 10 ft. X 10 ft.

Leaf Persistence: Deciduous from January – April in Southwest Florida

Zone: 10b (Minimum 33°F)

Growth Rate: Fast



Fort Myers, Florida
21 November

Around Thanksgiving but before Christmas, *E. leucocephala* puts on a show of pure white bracts. It is popular in many tropical countries and so has many common names.



It is a relative of the poinsettia. The flowers give off a sweet honey-like aroma not always noticed but more commonly experienced at dusk and during the night.



A complex flower with no petals.



Leaves: Simple, elliptic, in whorls of 4 to 12 leaves; petiole as long as the blade

Bracts: White, elliptic, surround the flowers

Flowers: Tiny, white with green center

- Prune hard after flowering to prevent a scraggy appearance and to enhance next year's bloom.
- It exudes a milky-white sap when damaged.
- The sap may be an irritant to some.
- The sap may also stick to pruning shears.

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