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Common Name: Jimson Weed

Scientific Name: *Datura meteloides*

Kumeyaay Name: Tolvaach

Description: Jimson weed belongs to the same family of plants as the potato, tomato, pepper, and eggplant. Other plants in this same family can be very poisonous.

The leaves of the jimson weed are grayish green. They are also hairy and ovate, or shaped like an egg. The flowers are tubular, white, and large.

The Kumeyaay used jimson weed for ceremonies. They made a brew from it that made them hallucinate. They also made a poison from it. Some people could die from drinking it.

(From: *The Kumeyaay, Secrets of the Trail*, by Roberta Labastida, San Diego County Office of Education, San Diego, CA, 1996)

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