



# Passionflower

*Passiflora incarnata*

**Plant Description** – native, vine, deciduous, perennial

**Height:** up to 25 ft **Width/Spread:** 3 – 6 ft



## Leaves

**Shape:** palmate

**Arrangement:** alternate

**Margin:** lobed

**Form:** simple

**Leaf Description:** leaves are dark green above, whitish below, 3-lobed; climbs with axillary (between stem and leaf) tendrils (modified leaf structure used for support) or sprawls along the ground; base of leaf has 2 extra-floral nectaries (glands that secrete a sugary fluid) to attract ants

## Flower/Bloom

**Flower Color:** pink, purple, blue

**In Bloom:** Apr - Sep

**Flower Shape:** saucer-shaped, tubulate

**Flower(s) Description:** flowers are short-stalked and 2.5-3 inches in diameter; wavy or crimped hair-like crown sit atop 5 petals and 5 sepals, showy and erect pistil and stamen



## Fruits & Seeds

**Spreads via:** Seeds & Rhizomes

**Seed Type:** berry

**Seed Season:** Summer - Fall

**Fruit and Seed Description:** Large, leathery, orange-yellow berry; mature berry is brown; about the size of a large oval hen's egg; fruit contains many flattened, dark seeds, each covered with edible pulp

## Ecological Benefits

Food source for Butterflies, Caterpillars (Gulf Fritillary, Variegated Fritillary, Zebra Longwing, Banded Hairstreak, Red-banded Hairstreak), Other Pollinators, and Other Birds

## Maintenance Notes

Dormant in winter; prefers average watering (*water two times per week during the summer and once per week during the rest of the year*)