

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower and leaves. Photographer Jackie Miles



Ripe fruit and leaves. Photographer Jackie Miles



Line drawing. c. flowering branch. M Mbir, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

## Common name

Blue Passionflower, Blue Passionfruit

## Family

Passifloraceae

## Where found

Occasionally **naturalised**. Coastal north from Tuross **Head**. Sydney area away from the coast. Occasionally elsewhere. Doubtfully naturalised in the ACT.

## Notes

**Introduced** slender hairless climber with stems to many metres long, sometimes woody. Suckers freely. When grown as a rootstock for other cultivated species of passionfruit, it often sprouts from below the graft. Fruit fleshy. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 6–12 cm long, 60–120 mm wide, usually 5- or 7-lobed, occasionally unlobed on young plants, sometimes **glaucous**, the lobe tips pointed or blunt; margins **entire**. Usually with 2–6 stalked **glands** near the middle of the leaf stalks. **Stipules** leafy, 10–20 mm long, more or less kidney shaped, attached on the side. Flowers greenish white to pale pink, the coloured ring at the base of the **petals** bluish or purplish, flower centre yellowish to cream or greenish. Flowers 60–100 mm in diameter, with 5 petals and 5 coloured **sepals**, single. Fruit yellow to orange, almost round to oval or oval, about 6 cm long, hairless.

General Biosecurity Duty all NSW.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Passiflora~caerulea> (accessed 25 January, 2021)

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