

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



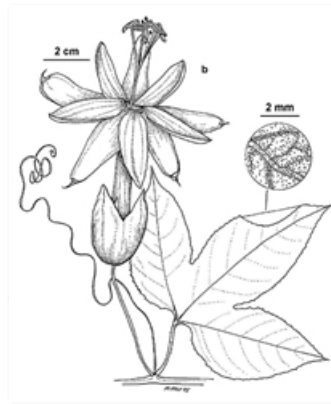
Flower and leaf. Photographer Jackie Miles



Flower and leaves. Photographer Don Wood, near Eden



Spent flower and ripe fruit. Photographers Forest & Kim Starr, Hawaii



Line drawing (as *Passiflora mollissima*). b. flowering branch. MIMbir, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

Common name

Banana passionfruit, Banana passionflower

Family

Passifloraceae

Where found

Forest, woodland, waste areas, plantation crops, wet gullies, and along streams. Coastal. Ranges north of Jervis Bay..

Notes

Introduced climber to 10 m or more high. Fruit fleshy. Stems hairy. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 7–16 cm long, 50-140 mm wide, usually deeply 3-lobed, upper surface hairless or sparsely hairy, lower surface covered in soft hairs, the lobe tips pointed, margins toothed. Leaf stalks with 8–12 small and often inconspicuous **glands**. **Stipules** 2–7 mm long, with broad, irregular bases extending on one side into narrow **segments**. Flowers pink, the narrow coloured ring at the base of the **petals** purple with pink spots, inner ring white, centre greenish. Flowers about 90–100 mm long, 60-90 mm in diameter, with 5 petals and 5 coloured **sepals**. Flowers single. Flowers recorded in most seasons. Fruit yellow to pale orange when ripe, oval, 6-14 cm long, edible. Seeds brown, surrounded by a yellowish to orange jelly.

Was *Passiflora mollissima*.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Passiflora~tarminiana> (accessed 30 January, 2021)

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