

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower and leaves. Photographer Don Wood, south of Narooma



Flower, green fruit, and leaves. Photographer Jackie Mles

Common name

Common passionfruit, Passionfruit

Family

Passifloraceae

Where found

Forest, woodland, roadsides, coastal environs, stream banks, and moist gullies. Coast and ranges.

Notes

Introduced slender hairless climber, stems 20 m long or more, woody. Fruit fleshy. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 6–18 cm long, 60–170 mm wide, usually deeply 3-lobed, occasionally unlobed on young plants, surfaces glossy green, margins toothed, the lobe tips usually pointed. Two stalked **glands** on the leaf stalk near the leaf. **Stipules** narrow, about 10 mm long, falling early. Flowers white tinged with purple, **sepals** often green outside, the coloured ring at the base of the **petals** purple and white, yellowish to pale green or whitish in the centre. Flowers 60–70 mm in diameter, with 5 petals and 5 coloured sepals. Flowers single. Flowers mostly Oct.–Jan. Ripe fruit purple to black, round or oval to oval, 4–5 cm long, edible. Seeds black, surrounded by a yellow jelly (**aril**).

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

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