

Passion Vine

Passiflora incarnata



This vine is called Passion vine or Passionflower because the flower parts were said to have represented parts of the Christian Crucifixion story. The 10 petals are the disciples of Jesus, the 5 stamens the wounds Jesus received, the stigmas the nails, and the fringe the crown of thorns. Its other name, maypop, comes from the popping sound the yellow fruits make when crushed. A larval host of several butterfly species, this plant can spread by root suckers. Can be weedy. Good in a pot or a place where its wild behavior is not problematic.

