

Passion Vine

Passiflora x 'Incense'

Passiflora x 'Incense' is a hybrid cross between *Passiflora incarnata* and *Passiflora cincinnata*. It is much more colorful than its parents. It bears an edible fruit that is somewhat tart in flavor and most commonly used to make jellies and jams. The fleshy, egg-shaped fruit appears in July, matures to a yellow color and then falls to the ground. Maypop is a common name, some say due to the loud pop generated when the ripe fruit is crushed. Others argue that it's because once planted, vines may pop up all over your landscape and become weedy. Flowers are fragrant and attractive to butterflies. It is a host plant for the gulf fritillary, variegated fritillary, and zebra longwing butterflies.

Type: perennial flowering vine

USDA hardiness zones: 7 through 11

Uses: trellises; arbors; walls; fences; jams and jellies

Origin: native to Florida

Height: 6 to 8 feet **Spread:** 8 to 10 feet

Plant spacing: 6 to 8 feet

Light requirement: full sun to part shade

Soil tolerances: acidic; slightly alkaline; clay; sand; loam

Drought tolerance: moderate

Soil salt tolerances: unknown

Invasive potential: low

Pest resistance: no pests or diseases are of major concern

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