



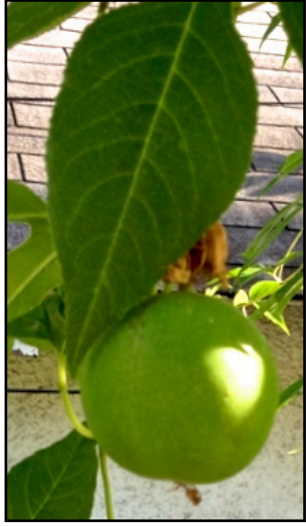
Passiflora incarnata

Purple Passionflower, Maypop

Tried and True
Native Plant Selections
for the Mid-Atlantic

Found naturally* along roadsides, pastures, and open woods, the exotic flowers and edible fruit of Purple Passionflower make this unique vine a striking ornamental plant for the garden. The common name, Maypop, refers to the fruit, which makes a loud popping sound when stomped on.



Vine	Flower Close-up, Flowering Vine, Fruit
Height: 6–8 feet	
Spread: 3–6 feet	
Bloom color: Lavender, white (rarely)	
Characteristics	 
Rapid-growing, tendril-climbing, deciduous vine	
Three-lobed, medium to dark green leaves	
Usually fragrant, 3-inch flowers crowned with wavy filaments and a showy center column of stamens and stigmas; bloom May to October	
Pulpy, edible, egg-shaped fruits (maypops), ripen to yellow-green for harvest mid-summer into fall	
Spreads rapidly by root suckers	
Attributes	<p>Excellent Replacement for</p> <p><i>Ampelopsis brevipedunculata</i> - Porcelain Berry</p> <p><i>Celastrus orbiculatus</i> - Chinese/Oriental Bittersweet</p> <p><i>Lonicera japonica</i> - Japanese Honeysuckle</p>
Tolerates clay soil and drought; no serious pests or diseases	
Moderate deer resistance	
Ethnobotanic uses; fruit eaten fresh or cooked	
Attracts butterflies and bees to its flowers; wild turkeys eat young tendrils; larval host for Gulf and Variegated Fritillary butterflies	<p>*It is native in DC; adventive (non-native, escaped from cultivation) in DE's Coastal Plain; and absent in PA. In VA, it is common in the Coastal Plain and outer southern Piedmont, infrequent elsewhere in the Piedmont, and rare in the mountains. It is native to NoVA, except for Loudoun County.</p>
Growing and Maintenance Tips	
Soil requirements: Average, well-drained	
Light requirements: Sun	
Water requirements: Moist	<p>Remove suckers on regular basis to control spread</p> <p>Cover roots lightly with mulch</p> <p>Use on arbors, fences, posts, and walls or on slopes for erosion control</p>
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