



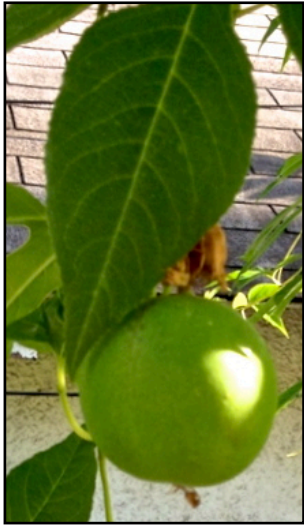
# Passiflora incarnata

## 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)		
<b>Characteristics</b>		
Rapid-growing, tendril-climbing, <a href="#">deciduous</a> vine	 	
<a href="#">Alternate</a> , deeply 3-lobed, round-toothed, leaves; early deciduous stipules; > 4" tendrils at leaf <a href="#">axils</a>		
Usually fragrant, 3-inch flowers with 5 <a href="#">petals</a> and 5 petaloid <a href="#">sepals</a> crowned with wavy <a href="#">filaments</a> and showy center column of 5 <a href="#">stamens</a> and <a href="#">gynoecium</a> with 3 <a href="#">styles/stigmas</a> ; bloom May to October		
Pulpy, edible, ellipsoid or ovoid fruits ( <a href="#">berries</a> ), ripen to yellow-green for harvest mid-summer into fall		
Spreads rapidly by root <a href="#">suckers</a>		
<b>Attributes</b>	<b>Excellent Replacement for</b>	
Tolerates <a href="#">clay soil</a> and drought; no serious pests or diseases; moderate <a href="#">deer</a> resistance	<a href="#">Akebia quinata</a> - Chocolate Vine	
<a href="#">Ethnobotanic</a> uses; fruit eaten fresh or cooked	<a href="#">Ampelopsis brevipedunculata</a> - Porcelainberry	
Attracts butterflies and bees to its flowers; wild turkeys eat young tendrils; <a href="#">larval</a> host to ~5 <a href="#">lepidopterans</a> incl. Gulf and Variegated Fritillary	<a href="#">Celastrus orbiculatus</a> - Oriental Bittersweet	
<b>Growing and Maintenance Tips</b>	<a href="#">Clematis terniflora</a> - Sweet Autumn Clematis	
<a href="#">Soil Requirements</a> : Average, well-drained	<a href="#">Lonicera japonica</a> - Japanese Honeysuckle	
<a href="#">Light Requirements</a> : Sun	*It is <a href="#">native</a> in DC, in MD's Coastal Plain and southern Piedmont, and in PA, though no county data is available. It is non-indigenous in DE. In VA, it is common in the south and central Coastal Plain, frequent in the south and central Piedmont, and rare elsewhere. It is native to NoVA, except for Loudoun County.	
<a href="#">Water Requirements</a> : Moist	<a href="#">Hardiness</a> : USDA Zones 5a–9b	
Remove suckers on regular basis to control spread	<i>developed by Master Gardeners of Northern Virginia, serving Arlington and Alexandria</i>	
Cover roots lightly with <a href="#">mulch</a>	Images by Alyssa Ford Morel, Elaine Mills, and Jane Longan, private gardens, Arlington, VA	
Use on arbors, fences, posts, and walls or on slopes for erosion control		