

## PASSIFLORACEAE – PASSION FLOWER FAMILY

**Plant:** herbs and shrubs but usually more or less woody vines with tendrils opposite the leaves

**Stem:**

**Root:**

**Leaves:** simple or palmate compound, alternate; with or without stipules

**Flowers:** mostly bisexual, rarely unisexual. Regular (actinomorphic); mostly 5 (3 or 8) sepals which are often petal-like and persistent; mostly 5 (3 or 8 or absent) petals, corona or floral cup usually present; 4-5 or more stamens; ovary superior, 2-5 carpels, numerous ovules

**Fruit:** berry or capsule

**Other:** mostly tropical and subtropical; Dicotyledons Group

**Genera:** 18+ genera; locally *Passiflora* (passion flower)

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Purple Passion Flower; *Passiflora incarnata* L.

Yellow Passionflower; *Passiflora lutea* L.

# Purple Passion Flower

## [Maypops]



*Passiflora incarnata* L.

Passifloraceae (Passion Flower Family)

Newport, West Virginia

Notes: 5 sepals and petals, both white with pink or purple, up to 2 in, solitary, corona fringed between stamens and petals; leaves with 3-5 deep lobes, fine-toothed; fruit an oblong yellow capsule; summer

[V Max Brown, 2006]



# Yellow Passionflower

*Passiflora lutea* L.

Passifloraceae (Passion Flower Family)

Alley Springs, Ozark National Riverways,  
Shannon County, Missouri

Notes: vine; 5-petaled flower, up to 2.5 cm, green to greenish-yellow, with a coronal fringe between stamens and petals, 5 sepals; leaves with 3-(5) shallow lobes; fruit a capsule or berry; woods mostly; summer

[V Max Brown, 2007]

