PLANT FACT SHEET

Passiflora coccinea Aubl.

GENUS *Passiflora* **FAMILY** Passifloraceae

COMMON NAMES Red passion-flower, Scarlet passionfruit

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are used to make juice.

DESCRIPTION

A creeping vine. It grows 10-15 m long. The leaves are oval and without teeth. The leaves are 10-14 cm long by 6-9 cm wide. They are hairy. The flowers are attractive. The tepals are curved back. The flowers are 5 cm wide and bright red. The fruit are round. They are 4.5 cm long by 5 cm wide. The seeds are 5 mm long. The fruit can be orange or red. The fruit are edible.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. In Bolivia it grows to 900 m altitude. It needs average moisture in hot weather. It needs an average to fertile, well-drained soil. It can grow in full or part sun. It suits hardiness zones 10-12.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed. They can also be grown from cuttings.

PICTURES



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