PLANT FACT SHEET

Passiflora tenuifila Killip

GENUS *Passiflora* **FAMILY** Passifloraceae

COMMON NAMES Maracuja

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten fresh.

DESCRIPTION

A climbing herb. It grows for several years. It has tendrils. The young stems are angular and older stems are round with stripes along them. The leaves have 3 lobes and are thin. They are 3-8 cm long on a leaf stalk 2-5 cm long. These have 2-6 glands. The flowers occur singly and are 4-5 cm across. The fruit are pale yellow and 3-4 cm across. The pulp is juicy and sweet.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows naturally in small isolated forest clumps in Brazil. In Argentina it grows from sea level to 1,500 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed.

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