PLANT FACT SHEET

Passiflora elegans Mast.

GENUS *Passiflora* **FAMILY** Passifloraceae

COMMON NAMES Maracuja-de-estalo

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten fresh.

DESCRIPTION

A climbing herb. It keeps growing from year to year. It has tendrils. The stem is cylinder shaped. The leaves have 3 lobes and are thin. They are 2.5-5 cm long. The leaf stalk is thin and 3.5 cm long. It has 2-4 glands on it. The flowers occur singly and are 4-14 cm across. They have a thin stalk 2-4 cm long. The fruit are sweet and juicy. They are green but turn yellow when ripe.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It grows naturally on the edges of forests in southern Brazil. In Argentina it grows below 500 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed.

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