PLANT FACT SHEET

Passiflora laurifolia L.

GENUS *Passiflora* **FAMILY** Passifloraceae

COMMON NAMES Yellow granadilla

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

Fruit are eaten raw. They are also used in drinks.
CAUTION The leaves are poisonous.

DESCRIPTION

A perennial climbing vine. It can be up to 10 m long. Leaves do not have lobes and stems are round. Leaves are rounded (10 cm x 5 cm), hairless and rough. Flowers are large (6 cm across) and have a pleasant smell. Fruit are oblong and taper at both ends. They are about 8 cm x 5 cm smooth and yellow or orange when ripe. They have tough yellow skins and paler orange pulp. The fruit are edible.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows naturally in the Amazon in Brazil. It grows in lowland areas in the tropics. It does best in slightly drier, humid climates. It is damaged by frost. It can grow on a variety of soils. It suits plant hardiness zones 11-12.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are mostly grown from seed. They can be grown from cuttings. Bottom heating the seeds at 20-26°C can result in germination at 1-2 weeks, at lower temperatures seeds can take up to 10 weeks to germinate.

NOTES

There are about 400 Passiflora species.

PICTURES



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