PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Passiflora alata* Curtis ex Aiton

**GENUS** *Passiflora* **FAMILY** Passifloraceae

**COMMON NAMES** Fragrant granadilla, Winged-stem passion flower

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Fruit

The juicy thick wall of the fruit is eaten. It is eaten raw or cooked. It is used for drinks.

## DESCRIPTION

A climbing plant. It grows 6 m high and spreads 2.4-6 m wide. The stems have wings. The leaves are simple and oval and pointed. They are 15 cm long. The edges can have fine teeth. The flowers are 12 cm across and have a scent. The petals are red with purple and white banded filaments. The fruit are oval to pear shaped. They are yellow and 10 cm long. They are edible. It is like a giant granadilla.

## HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows naturally on levees along the coast and in forests near the Atlantic in Brazil. In Argentina it grows from sea level to 1,600 m above sea level. It suits hardiness zones 10-12.

## PRODUCTION

### Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds.

## NOTES

There are about 400 Passiflora species.

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