PLANT FACT SHEET

Passiflora aurantia G. Forst.

GENUS *Passiflora* **FAMILY** Passifloraceae

COMMON NAMES Red Passion Flower, Pink passionflower

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

Radke says fruit not edible.

DESCRIPTION

A climber which climbs by tendrils. It is slender with wiry stems. The leaves are small. They are 2-10 cm long by 2-8 cm wide. They are deep green. The leaves have 3 lobes. The flowers are 11 cm across. The flowers are white when they open but turn red. The fruit are 3-5 cm long by 2-4.5 cm wide. The are almost round and pale green. They become purplish when ripe.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in coastal scrub and on the edge of rainforests. It grows in acidic soils and sands. It can grow in tropical, subtropical and warm temperate regions. It needs well drained soils. It does best with light shade. They can stand some frost.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed or cuttings.

Harvesting and Seed Production

It grows rapidly. It is short lived.

NOTES

There are about 400 Passiflora species.

PICTURES



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