PLANT FACT SHEET

Passiflora maliformis L.

GENUS *Passiflora* **FAMILY** Passifloraceae

COMMON NAMES Sweet calabash

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The flesh of the fruit is eaten. It is also made into drinks.

DESCRIPTION

The plant is a vigorous vine. It grows 10 m long. The leaves are light green and can be curved back at the tip. They are 6-15 cm long. The flowers are white and purple. They are 4-5 cm across and have a scent. The fruit has a yellow-green hard shell. It is round and smooth and 5 cm across. It has white dots on the skin.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in more tropical conditions than purple passionfruit. It suits the warm, wet tropical lowlands. In South America it grows up to 1,700 m above sea level. In Jamaica it grows between 150-400 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

They can be grown from seed or leafy cuttings.

NOTES

There are about 400 Passiflora species.

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