

Passiflora incarnata

Passionflower, Maypop



This *Passiflora* is a perennial vine, native to much of the southeastern United States. Maypop seems to disappear in winter, but pops up in spring and in summer is drawing attention to the many, beautiful, complex, purple flowers. Much of this attention comes from butterflies, especially gulf fritillaries. Gulf fritillary butterflies lay their eggs on this plant; the caterpillars make a feast of it. Plant your vine where you won't mind the devastated foliage, perhaps near a shrub that it will mingle with, that will disguise the foliage. This is definitely a preferred host plant.

Height: 8" – 12" and then spreads up to 20'