

Grow Guide

Passiflora

Passionfruit is a rampant tropical vine. In areas with colder winters, remember that cold snaps can greatly damage passionfruit. Purple types have more cold hardiness than yellow types. Seeds germinate with warm temperatures which can be improved with a heat mat. As a vine crop, it needs something to climb. Chain link fences make outstanding passionfruit trellises, as do low value or dead trees. Don't underestimate the rampancy of the vines, which can rapidly swallow a large area without any pruning. Self pollinating types can be allowed to climb trees, while those that need hand pollination should be grown on a trellis where the whole vine can be reached. Ripe fruit fall from the vine naturally when mature. Passionfruits appreciate water and fertility when they are young but become quite resilient with some age. Plant only last a few years, with nematodes being a possible culprit that eventually takes out the vines.

For non-self fertile passionfruits, such as the Brazilian Giant Yellow, be sure to grow at least two vines from seed. To hand pollinate, take pollen from one vine to the flowers of another vine. We will be producing a youtube video on how to do this during the next flowering event which you can watch to learn. We believe the flowers are most receptive to pollination in the early afternoon.

