

Yellow Passion Flower

Passiflora lutea L.

The yellow passion flower is not so showy as its cousin with which it largely shares its range, the blue passion flower, Passiflora incarnata. The flowers are tiny and yellow-green, sometimes just green. They are followed by deep purple berries that are attractive but small. The foliage is a light green and attractive, but the leaves are small. Unlike the blue passion flower, the fruit is not edible.

However, this is an aggressive and vigorous vine that needs room to grow and positive control. It freely sends out stolons under the ground surface, so should be against barriers, dense woods, or mown area. However, it makes a great screen for a living areas such as a porch, and certainly is a largely-unknown curiosity. It may grow as high as fifteen feet.

It will grow in most soils and prefers full sun, although it will grow in partial shade. It does not tolerate heavy clay soils. This is the most hardy of the passion flowers.



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