



Passion Vine *Passiflora*

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<u>Hardiness</u>	<u>Exposure</u>	<u>Soil</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Flowers</u>	<u>Height</u>
Zones 5-9, 12-24, H1, H2	Full sun or partial shade	Tolerates many soil types	Moderate to regular watering	Bright showy flowers, variety of colors	Will go 15 feet or more

Passion vines come in about 400 species in endless colors and are native to Tropical America in places like Brazil, Venezuela, Mexico and Peru. In 1620 Catholic priests in Peru saw a religious symbolism to this plant. The name 'passion flower' is said to derive from a resemblance of the blue passion vine's flower to the crown of thorns placed on Christ's head. Others say that the parts of the plant symbolize features of Crucifixion, known as The Passion of Christ. Passion vines are good at climbing using their tendrils to wrap around any support. They grow quickly in South Florida, 15-20 feet or more. Many *Passiflora* have [very complex flowers](#), some are scented, some used in commercial perfumes, and often the colors are bold and striking. [Flowers](#) appear in spring and throughout the warm months in South Florida. Depending on variety, flowers vary from 1/2 inch to as much as 6 inches across.