

Lavender Lady Passionvine



Passiflora sp. 'Lavender Lady'

- **Use:** This unusual flower is widely distributed in the Southeast, especially from Florida to Texas. The plants were given the name Passionflower or Passion vine because the floral parts were once said to represent aspects of the Christian crucifixion story, sometimes referred to as the Passion. The 10 petal-like parts represent Jesus's disciples, excluding Peter and Judas; the 5 stamens the wounds Jesus received; the knob-like stigmas the nails; the fringe the crown of thorns. The name Maypop comes from the hollow, yellow fruits that pop loudly when crushed.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Full– part sun. Moist, well-drained soil, but not soggy. Use slow release fertilizer two times a year. Water regularly, when top 3 in. of soil is dry. Loves to be kept moist, but don't leave pot standing in water.
- **Growth:** This 20' vine a real summer treat when grown on a trellis or arbor.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 8-11; Annual, Must bring inside in the winter. May come back from seed so keep the fruits and spread them where you would like plants.
- **Foliage:** Three-lobed, deciduous leaves are dark-green above and whitish below.
- **Flower:** Twining stems display spectacular long-lasting, purple-blue, fragrant blooms with an exotic shape.

This popular climber works well on fences and walls, and along eaves. Graceful tendrils wind around support structures, quickly creating a lush green screen.

Can be grown indoors. Evergreen in frost-free regions. Beloved by hummingbirds!

