

# Becky Passionvine Trellis



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## *Passiflora* sp. 'Becky Blue & White'

- **Use:** More compact, smaller leaves than standard *Passiflora*. 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 keep 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; Perennial; Will also ressed.
- **Foliage:** Three-lobed, deciduous leaves are dark-green above and whitish below.
- **Flower:** Intricate, 3 in., lavender flower are short-stalked from leaf axils. The petals and sepals subtend a fringe of wavy or crimped, hair-like segments. The pistil and stamens are also showy. The fruit is a large, orange-yellow berry with edible pulp. Like some other passion vines, Maypop spreads by root suckers.

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