

Lady Margaret Passionvine Trellis



Passiflora sp. 'Lady Margaret'

- **Use:** A unique hybrid with stunning color and prolific blooming habit. Large, luxuriant flowers have raspberry-red sepals and petals with bright white centers. A showy climber for fences and walls. Beautiful patio container specimen. 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 10-20' vine a real summer treat when grown on a trellis or arbor.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 8-11; Perennial; Will also reseed.
- **Foliage:** Three-lobed, deciduous leaves are dark-green above and whitish below.
- **Flower:** The large, 3-4" wide, raspberry red flowers are centered by a corolla of raspberry red filaments that fade to bright white at the center. The fruit is a large, orange-yellow berry with edible pulp. Like some other passion vines, Maypop spreads by root suckers.



The fuzzy foliage and stems are utilized by Gulf Fritillary, Zebra Longwings and other Heliconian butterfly caterpillars. A tamer passionvine than many others but it certainly does not lack for vigor.

