

Passiflora foetida  [简体中文](#) [正體中文](#)

System: Terrestrial

Kingdom	Phylum	Class	Order	Family
Plantae	Magnoliophyta	Magnoliopsida	Violales	Passifloraceae

Common name qaranidila (English, Fiji), pwomwpwomw (English, Pohnpei), kudamono (English, Palau), loliloli ni kalavo (English, Fiji), stinking passionflower (English), passionflower (English), wild passion fruit (English), sou (English, Fiji), pompom (English, Pohnpei), pasio vao (English, Samoa), passiflore (French), bedoca (Spanish, Galapagos Islands), vine vao (English, Niue), lani wai (English, Hawaii (Ni'ihau)), mossy passionflower (English), kinahulo' atdao (English, Saipan), bombom (English, Chuuk), tomates (English, Yap), vaine 'initia (English, Tonga), pohapoha (English, Hawaii), dulce (English, Saipan), wild water lemon (English), fetid pa (English), tea biku (English, Kiribati), scarlet fruited passionflower (English), ka thoc rock (English), love-in-a-mist (English), vaine 'ae kuma (English), running pop (English)

Synonym *Granadilla*  *foetida*, (L.) Gaertn.
Dysosmia fluminensis, M.Roem.
Dysosmia foetida, (L.) M.Roem.
Dysosmia  *gossypifolia*, (Desv. ex Ham.) M.Roem.
Dysosmia  *hastata*, (Bertol.) M.Roem.
Dysosmia  *hibiscifolia*, (Lam.) M.Roem.
Dysosmia  *nigelliflora*, (Hook.) M.Roem.
Passiflora ciliata, Dryand.
Passiflora foetida, L. forma *suberecta*  Chodat & Hassl.
Passiflora ciliata, Dryand.var. *quinteloba* Griseb.
Passiflora foetida, L.var. *hirsuta* Mast.
Passiflora foetida, L.var. *hastata* (Bertol.) Mast.
Passiflora ciliata, Dryand.var. *riparia* C.Wright ex Griseb.
Passiflora foetida, L.var. *gossypifolia* (Desv. ex Ham.) Mast.
Passiflora foetida, L.var. *arizonica* Killip
Passiflora ciliata, Dryand.var. *polyadena* Griseb.
Passiflora foetida, L.var. *ciliata* (Dryand.) Mast.
Passiflora foetida, L.var. *isthmia* Killip
Passiflora foetida, L.var. *lanuginosa* Killip
Passiflora foetida, L.var. *hibiscifolia* (Lam.) Killip
Passiflora foetida, L.var. *hirsutissima* Killip
Passiflora foetida, L.var. *balansae* Chodat
Passiflora foetida, L.var. *galapagensis* Killip
Passiflora foetida, L.var. *glaziovii* Killip
Passiflora foetida, L.forma *latifolia* Kuntze
Passiflora foetida, L.forma *longifolia* Kuntze
Passiflora foetida, L.forma *quinteloba* (Griseb.) Mast.
Passiflora foetida, L.var. *acapulcensis* Killip
Passiflora foetida, L.var. *eliasii* Killip
Passiflora foetida, L.var. *gardneri* Killip
Passiflora foetida, L.var. *hispida* (DC. ex Triana & Planch.) Killip
Dysosmia ciliata, (Dryand.) M.Roem.
Passiflora  *baraquiniana*, Lem.
Passiflora foetida, L.var. *fluminensis* (M.Roem.) Killip

Similar species

Passiflora edulis

Summary

Passiflora foetida is a perennial herbaceous vine that originates from tropical America, but is now a pantropic weed. It is a common weed in many places of the Pacific and Atlantic, where it climbs over low vegetation on roadsides and in other disturbed places. Monitoring and management of this toxic plant is recommended in tropical areas where it is present.



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Species Description

"Perennial vine, the stems hispid, with tendrils; leaves 3-parted; segments-apices acute; leaf base cordate; both sides hispid-hirsute; blades 3,5-10cm long, 4-12cm wide; petiole 2-6cm long; flowers solitary in axils, 3-5cm wide, purple and white on pedicels 2-7cm long; fruit yellow to orange; subglobose, thin leathery-skinned, nearly 2cm thick, with many seeds; pulp scanty, sweetly tart. The very finely lacinate bracts enclosing the fruit probably gave rise to the curious common name\" (Stone, 1970, in PIER, 2002). The whole plant has an unpleasant smell, but the ripe fruit is edible (Randall, 1998).

Notes

The fruit is edible, but not a common food item because it contains little pulp. It has a sweet taste, similar to the large fruited passifloras that are popular in other areas of the Pacific (Moore & McMakin, 2002) and Atlantic areas too.

Lifecycle Stages

Perennial vines

Uses

Cultivated - Medicinal/culinary purposes (Randall, 2003).

Habitat Description

P. foetida is an invader on disturbed sites. It favours wet areas (PIER, 2002) but can tolerate arid conditions (Randall, 2003). In Guam wild passionfruit grows on both volcanic and limestone soils and is commonly seen on abandoned land that has been previously cleared (Moore & McMakin, 2002). A common weed of disturbed areas on river and creek banks from Kimberley to Carnarvon in Australia (Randall, 1998). In Hawai'i it is locally abundant, growing over low vegetation on lava flows and in disturbed places, such as pastures and roadsides up to 500m elevation (Whistler, 1995). In Bolivia and Argentina it can grow up to 1500m elevation. Management of this toxic plant is recommended in tropical areas where it is present.

Reproduction

Seed, commonly eaten and dispersed by birds, (PIER, 2002).

General Impacts

P. foetida forms a dense ground cover which prevents or delays the establishment of other species, (PIER, 2002). Sometimes on rice or cotton fields.

Principal source: [Pacific Islands Ecosystems at Risk, PIER.](#)

Compiler: IUCN/SSC Invasive Species Specialist Group (ISSG)

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[1] NAURU	[1] NEW CALEDONIA
[1] NIUE	[6] NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
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[1] REUNION	[4] SAMOA
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[2] UNITED STATES	[1] UNITED STATES MINOR OUTLYING ISLANDS
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