

PASSIONFRUIT



- There are many varieties of passion flower, The one we are growing is the edible species, *Passiflora edulis*.
- It is a tender climber, originating from sub-tropical Brazil. It bears scented flowers in the summer months, and may produce egg-sized passion fruit from late summer, if the growing conditions are perfect. It is self-fertile so won't need a companion to produce fruit.
- They can grow up to 4m tall in perfect conditions, but will need support to reach their potential. If you do grow it in a pot, it is best to use one that you can attach a trellis or framework to, to enable it to keep a good amount of top-growth if you need to move the pot.
- Passion flower like to grow in full sun, be sheltered from strong winds, and like a moist, fertile and free-draining soil. If growing in a pot, it will do best with a mix of John Innes 3, with some organic matter added (manure or home-made compost).
- If pot-grown, it is best to move it into a frost-free greenhouse or conservatory over winter. If grown in the ground, give it a good thick mulch, ensuring that water cannot collect around the roots of the plant. In colder growing locations it will defoliate over winter, but fresh foliage will appear the following spring.