

PASSIFLORA INCARNATA L.  
Maypop, Passion-flower

FAMILY: Passifloraceae

HABIT: Perennial herb with climbing or trailing stems to 8 m.; flowering June-September; fruiting August-October.

SIMILAR SPECIES: The large, unusual flowers of *Passiflora incarnata* distinguish it from all other species in Ohio. Non-flowering material is not identifiable with certainty.

TOTAL RANGE: VA and sw. PA to s. OH, s. IL and OK, s. to FL and TX.

STATE RANGE (as of 2008): Post-1980 records are from Adams, Brown, Gallia, Hamilton, and Lawrence counties. There are pre-1980 specimens from Athens and Montgomery counties.

HABITAT: In dry soils in usually open situations: open woods, thickets, rocky open riverbanks; also fields, roadsides, and railroad banks.

HAZARDS: Overshading by woody species as a result of succession.

RECOVERY POTENTIAL: Presumed good due to its variety of habitat and tolerance of disturbance.

INVENTORY GUIDELINES: Sight records of this species in flower are acceptable, since in fertile condition it is very distinctive; avoid over collecting.

COMMENTS: This is a very distinctive plant that is unlikely to be overlooked. It is apparently able to colonize disturbed areas such as fields, roadsides, and railroad banks and thus should be sought in these habitats throughout southern Ohio, especially in those counties along the Ohio River.

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