

***Passiflora caerulea* L. 1753**
 Subgenus *Passiflora* Supersection *Stipulata* Section
Granadillastrum

Distribution: Brazil (sud),
 Argentina, Peru, Uruguay,
 Paraguay, Chili

Plant glabrous and often glaucous throughout; stem subangular, striate, grooved; stipules semi-ovate, attached near middle of side (hence, subreniform), 1 to 2 cm. long, 0.5 to 1 cm. wide, aristate or mucronulate, remotely dentate or denticulate or subentire; petioles 1.5 to 4 cm. long, bearing 2 to 4 (rarely up to 6) stipitate glands; leaves palmately 5 (occasionally 3, 7, or 9) -lobed two-thirds their length or usually nearly to base (lobes linear-oblong to broadly



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ovateoblong, up to 10 cm. long, 0.5 to 2.5 cm. wide, obtuse or emarginate, occasionally acutish, mucronulate, entire, 2-4-glandular in the sinuses, sometimes overlapping), cordate, membranous; peduncles 3 to 7 cm. long, slender or more usually stout; bracts broadly ovate to ovate-oblong, 1.5 to 2.5 cm. long, 1 to 1.5 cm. wide, rounded at apex, borne close to flower base, thin-membranous, pale green; flowers up to 10 cm. wide; calyx tube cup-shaped; sepals lanceoblong or oblong, 1.5 to 2 cm. long, 1 to 1.5 cm. wide, obtuse, subcoriaceous, green without, white or pinkish within, faintly keeled dorsally, the keel terminating in a slender awn up to 5 mm. long; petals oblong, 1.5 to 2.5 cm. long, 1 to 1.5 cm. wide, obtuse, membranous, white or pinkish; corona filaments in 4 series, those of the outer 2 varying from scarcely half as long (about 6 mm. and very slender) to fully as long as the petals, filiform (those of second series slightly the coarser), radiate, blue at apex, white at middle, purple at base, those of the inner 2 series 1 to 2 mm. long, capitellate, erect, white, purplish at apex; operculum membranous up to one-third its length, white, filamentose above, the filaments 3 to 4 mm. long, erect, dark purple; nectar ring a fleshy, dark purple ridge; limen cupshaped, white, closely surrounding base of gynophore, crenulate; ovary ovoid or subglobose, pruinose; fruit ovoid or subglobose, about 6 cm. long, 4 cm. in diameter, orange-color or yellow; seeds obcordate or cuneate, about 5 mm. long, 3.5 to 4 mm. wide, coarsely reticulate.



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