Passiflora palmeri Rose 1892

Sous-genre Passiflora Super-section Stipulata Section Dysosmia

Distribution: Mainly eastern coast of Baja California and inshore

islands. *Plant* a low flat-topped viscous shrub, 50 cm high, 80-120 cm wide with short branches looping over the old skeleton plant. Stem densely pilose with white or yellowish unequal hair. Stipules semi-annular about the stem, deeply cleft into filiform glandtipped divisions. Tendrils short, pilose, or lacking. *Petioles* 1–1.5 cm long, pilose, bearing numerous coarse gland tipped hairs. Leaves three lobed in general outline, (lobes orbicular, rounded), cordate, serrulate and densely glandular-ciliate, densely brownhirsute-tomentose, glutinous on adaxial and abaxial surfaces, margin crenulate and densely ciliate. Peduncles 4-5 cm long. **Bracts** lanceolate in outline, 3–6 cm long, 0.8-1.8 cm wide, deeply bipinnatisect into capillary gland tipped segments. Flowers white, 5-8 cm wide. Sepals linear 2.5-3.5 cm long, 4mm wide, white on adaxial surface, abaxial surface pilose, green keeled with slender



awn. *Petals* linear, 2–3.5 cm long, 4mm wide, thin-membranous, white on adaxial and abaxial surfaces. *Corona filaments* in three series, outer series erect, capillary 1.5–2.5 cm long, light blue to deep purple, inner two series minute threads 0.5–2mm long. *Operculum* erect, violet or purple, membranous, minutely denticulate. *Limen* erect, fleshy, membranous, 3mm high, margin recurved minutely crenulate.

Androgynophore slender 2 cm long, glabrous at base, white towards apex. Ovary ovoid, sericeovillous. Fruit ovoid, pale green when mature, 3.5–4.5 cm long, 2.5–3 cm in diameter, densely pilose. Seed oblong or narrowly cuneate, reticulate with approximately 30 meshes to each face, 6mm long, 2mm wide, tridentate at apex.



