

Passiflora perfoliata L. 1753

Subgenus *Decaloba* Supersection *Decaloba*

Distribution : Jamaica.

Stem angular, striate, glabrous or pilosulous; stipules linearsubulate, 1.5 to 3 mm. long; petioles up to 5 mm. long, glandless, glabrous or puberulous; leaves deeply bilobed (lobes widely divergent, often as much as 90 degrees from the midnerve, oblong or slightly lance-oblong, 2 to 6 cm. long, 1.5 to 2.5 cm. wide, rounded, mucronulate, and often emarginate at apex, a small intermediate lobe sometimes present in the sinus, the midnerve 0.5 to 1.5 cm. long), deeply cordate at base (the basal lobes clasping about stem), 3-nerved, ocellate, subcoriaceous; peduncles solitary or in pairs, 2 to 3 cm. long, sulcate, articulate just above middle; bracts setaceous, 2.5 to 3 mm. long, borne at point of articulation; flowers purple-red; calyx tube obconic toward

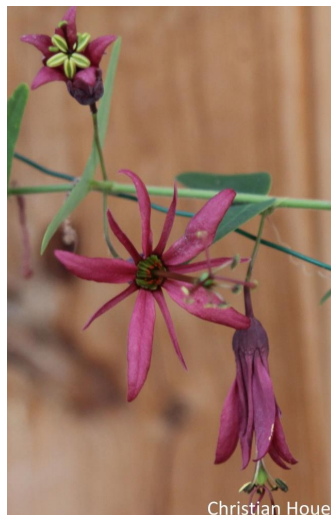


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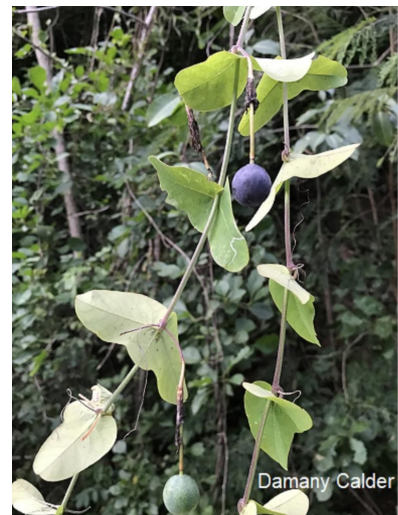
base, cylindric above, 0.7 to 1.3 cm. long, 0.6 to 0.8 cm. wide at throat, more or less conspicuously 10-ribbed; sepals linear-subulate, 1 to 2 cm. long, 0.2 to 0.3 cm. wide at base; petals oblanceolate, slightly longer than the sepals, 0.5 to 0.7 cm. wide, acute; corona filamentose, the filaments in a single series, linear, 3 to 5 mm. long, 0.5 to 0.7 mm. wide, yellow; operculum membranous, borne at throat of tube, deflexed from base, 4 to 6 mm. long, lacerate at the margin; limen none; ovary ovoid, subangulate, glabrous; fruit globose, up to 1.5 cm. in diameter; seeds ovate or slightly obovate, about 3 mm. long, 1.5 to 2 mm. wide, transversely 5- or 6-sulcate.



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