

***Passiflora pinnatistipula*** Cav. Icon. 1799  
 Subgenus *Passiflora* Supersection *Tacsonia* Section  
*Insignes*

Distribution : from Colombia to Chile. (2500 to 3800 meters)

Stem angulate, the younger parts white-tomentose or lanate, the older glabrate; stipules 5 to 7 mm. long, 4 to 5 mm. wide, pinnatisect or palmately parted into filiform divisions; petioles up to 3.5 cm. long, minutely 4-6-glandular, glands sessile; leaves 5 to 10 cm. long, 6 to 13 cm. wide, 3-lobed about four-fifths their length (lobes lanceolate or oblong-lanceolate, 1 to 3.5 cm. wide, acute or acuminate, mucronate, the lateral divergent at about 45 degrees from the middle lobe), subcordate at base, sharply serrate, coriaceous, rugose and glabrous above, densely white- or grayish-lanate beneath; peduncles up to 7 cm. long; bracts entire to base, ovate, 1 to 1.5 cm. long, 1 to 1.3 cm. wide, acute, mucronate, remotely and sharply serrate, chartaceous, tomentose or glabrescent, usually reddish purple without, finely pubescent within; calyx tube cylindric, 4.5 to 5 cm. long, about 1 cm. in diameter, bright pink and densely cano-

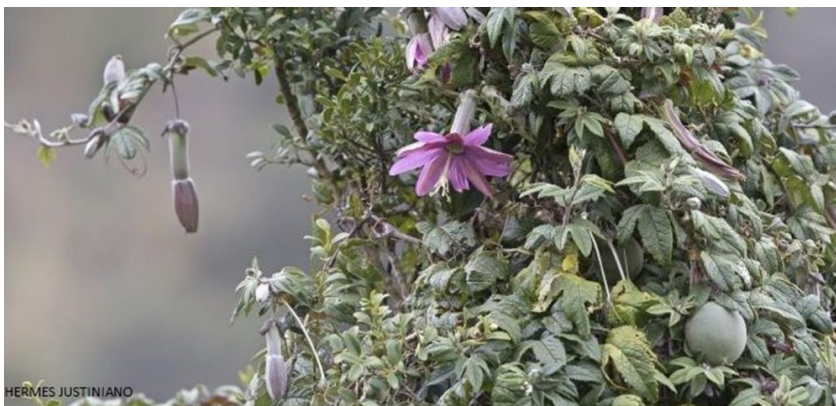


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tomentose, rarely glabrous, without, white within and blue-tinged toward throat; sepals oblong, 3 to 4 cm. long, about 1 cm. wide, obtuse, awned dorsally just below apex, greenish or pinkish and canotomentose without, white within; petals subequal to sepals, obtuse, white, faintly blue-tinged ; corona in 2 series, the outer filamentose, 1.5 to 2 cm. long, bright blue or purplish blue, or white, purple only toward base, the inner reduced to a ring of minute, deep purple tubercles 1 mm. or less long; operculum white, dependent, 5 mm. long, the margin recurved, minutely crenulate; ovary pyriform, white-tomentose; fruit subglobose, about 5 cm. in diameter, subtomentose or glabrate, yellow-green, edible; seeds oblong, 6 mm. long, 5 mm. wide, reticulate, the axis slightly curved.



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