Passiflora tripartita (Juss.) Poir. 1811

Subgenus Passiflora Supersection Tacsonia Section Elkea

Distribution: from Venezuela to Bolivia, from 2400 to 3200m.There are several varieties; Tripartita azuayensis, tripartita and molissima. Tripartita var. molissima and Tarminiana are the 2 species that were called Passiflora molissima.



Stem terete (or the younger portions subangular), pilosulous with grayish, curved hairs; stipules subreniform, 6 to 8 mm. long, 3 to 4 mm. wide, aristate, few-toothed; petioles up to 2.5 cm. long, obscurely 8-12-glandular, the glands sessile, or rarely glandless; leaves 6 to 8 cm. long, 8 to 12 cm. wide (between apices of lateral lobes), 3-lobed to about 1 cm. above base (lobes linear-oblong, up to 2 cm. wide, acuminate, the lateral widely divaricate), truncate or subcordate at base, glandular-serrate, finely and softly grayish-pilosulous on both surfaces, especially on the nerves and veins; peduncles 2.5 to 4 cm. long; bracts 2.5 to 3 cm. long, united one-half to two-thirds their length (free portions lanceolate or ovate-lanceolate, 5 to 6 mm. wide, acute), softly pubescent without, tomentellous within; flowers rosecolored; calyx tube cylindric, 9 to 10 cm. long, about 1 cm. wide, often slightly enlarged toward throat, glabrous; sepals oblong, about 3 cm. long, 0.8 to 1 cm. wide, obtuse, aristate dorsally just below apex; petals subequal to sepals, obtuse;

corona reduced to an inconspicuous ring, unevenly crenulate at margin;

operculum dependent, recurved at margin, subentire; ovary narrowly ovoid, sericeous -tomentose.





