

Passiflora × *belotii* 'Kursk Star'

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Parentage: *Passiflora alata*

× *Passiflora caerulea* (Sochi - an unusually pale form)

Confidence of pollen donor: 100%

Type: Hybrid



GENERAL INFORMATION

How is it distinctive ?

Compared with other forms of *P. × belotii*, this cultivar blooms earlier, has sepals which are pink, not just the petals, and a darker central corona.

Why this name ?

The first registered hybrid from Kursk

Has it been published, patented or granted PBR ?

No

Propagation

Clones have been distributed widely within Russia but not elsewhere.

Where was it grown ?

In a pot outdoors, in a chernozem (black soil) region of Russia, with a temperate climate but frosty in winter, so overwintered in a heated greenhouse. or cellar.

Culture requirements

Minimum steady temperature -2°C, can tolerate short spells at -5°C. Distressed over 40°C but survives. Prefers slightly acidic or neutral soil, humidity 30-70%.

DESCRIPTION OF FLOWER

Diameter	11cm
Peduncle length	4cm
Colour of petals	Pink above, usually mid-pink but sometimes darker (see photographs)
Colour of sepals	Similar to petals, but with some white at base and apex. Margins may be green
Coronal series	2 outer series 2.5cm, green at tips, next band mottled white and bluish-purple, then white, then by deep plum/ purple; 2 inner series <1cm, deep plum
Scent	Similar to the smell of incense, but more fruity.
Flowering	Bloomed in first year. Flowers Feb-Nov indoors, from July in open ground, from June in a greenhouse. Single, open for 1 day.
Bracts	Concave, light green, usually without nectar glands



LEAVES AND OTHER DETAILS

Leaf length	10cm
Leaf width	10cm
Lobes	3, broad
Further leaf details	The leaves are dense, dark green above, lighter below.
Petioles	6cm, 1-4 glands, random
Stipules	1-2 cm, semi-circular, elongated, soon deciduous
Vine	In the sun, the vine's colour becomes reddish. It grows 5-6 metres per season. The stems are slightly ribbed, slightly faceted in cross section.
Fruit	Green, 5cm x 3cm