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*Passiflora laurifolia*

[Synonyms : *Passiflora acuminata*, *Passiflora tinifolia*]

**YELLOW GRANADILLA** is an evergreen climbing vine. Native to tropical America it has with sweet-scented, pink spotted, ivory-coloured flowers with purple and ivory stamens. It is also known as Bell apple, Belle apple, *Buah susu* (Malay), Golden bellapple, Jamaica-honeysuckle, Jamaican honeysuckle, Laurel-leaved granadilla, Laurel-leaved passionflower, *Markusa leutik* (Sundanese), *Pasio* (Samoan), Passionfruit, *Pomme de liane* (French and West Indian), *Pomme d'or* (French), *Sa-wa-rot* (Thai), Sweet cup, True granadilla, *Vaine 'ae kuma* (Tongan), Vinegar pear, *Wasserlimone* (German), and Water lemon, Water lime, Wild water lemon, and Yellow water lemon.

The flowers open in the morning and close in late afternoon.

Warning – yellow granadilla's leaves are poisonous.

*Laurifolia* is made up of the genus name *Laurus* and *-folia* (leaved) components meaning 'with leaves like those in that (bay) genus'.

The white-spotted, yellow fruit are picked as a thirst-quencher (locally children make a hole at one end and suck out the sweet-scented pulp and the seeds) and it is included raw in fruit salads. These fruit are also believed to encourage appetite and are used to make drinks.

The stem provides local material for basketwork.

Medicinally, the leaves are used to treat worms.