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Passiflora vitifolia

[Synonyms : *Macrophora sanguinea*, *Passiflora punicea*, *Passiflora sanguinea*, *Passiflora serrulata* var. *pubescens*, *Passiflora servitensis*, *Passiflora servitensis* var. *bracteosa*, *Passiflora vitifolia* var. *bracteosa*, *Passiflora vitifolia* var. *cassiquiarensis*, *Tacsonia buchanani*, *Tacsonia sanguinea*]

VINE-LEAVED PASSION FLOWER is an evergreen climbing vine. Native to Nicaragua, Venezuela and Peru, it has large fragrant, whitish centred, scarlet flowers with yellow to white filaments.

It is also known as Crimson passionflower, Grape-leaved passion fruit, Perfumed passionflower, and Red passionflower.

Vitifolia is derived from the genus name *Vitis* and Latin *-folia* (leaved) meaning ‘with leaves like vine leaves’.

Apart from in its native area vine-leaved passionflower is cultivated widely including in Singapore, Sri Lanka, Papua New Guinea and Indonesian Irian Jaya.

Authorities on south-eastern Asia believe that this vine is viewed in that region primarily as an ornamental plant.