

Passionfruit

Passiflora edulis · *Passionflower family*

DIFFICULTY Easy–moderate

TYPE Perennial vine (5–7 years)

MATURITY 12–18 months to first fruit



SUN
Full, sheltered



WATER
Regular, deep



SOIL PH
6.0–6.8



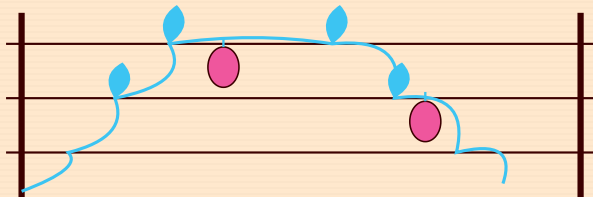
SPACING
2–3m on trellis



DEPTH
as per pot

01 Trellis training

Grow against a sturdy fence, trellis, or arbour from the start. Train young growth onto the wires and tip-prune to build a productive framework of lateral branches.



trained along wires, fruit hanging

02 Planting

METHOD	Plant against a sturdy trellis, fence, or arbour able to support vigorous growth.
SOIL	Rich, well-drained — dig in compost and aged manure before planting.
TIMING	Plant in spring once frost risk has passed.

Planting timing varies significantly by Australian climate zone. Set your zone above (or use the Find My Climate Zone tool) for guidance tailored to your own area.

03 Growing care

- Water deeply and regularly, particularly through flowering and fruit set.
- Train young growth onto the support, tip-pruning to build lateral branches.
- Feed monthly through the growing season with a balanced fertiliser.
- Prune hard after the winter harvest to renew fruiting wood.

04 Problems

- Fusarium wilt** — sudden collapse; grow grafted vines on resistant rootstock.
- Fruit fly** — net or bag developing fruit, collect fallen fruit daily.
- Woodiness virus** — mottled leaves, hard fruit; remove affected vines.
- Poor fruit set** — low pollinator activity; hand-pollinate with a soft brush.

05 Harvest & storage

SIGNS	Fruit changes colour and drops naturally, or twists off easily.
METHOD	Pick from the vine or collect windfalls daily once fruiting begins.
CURING	None needed — wrinkled skin means extra-ripe, not spoiled.
STORAGE	Room temperature up to a week, or refrigerated 3–4 weeks.
PRESERVING	See Dehydrating (drying grapes and similar fruit) or Canning & Bottling (jams and preserves) for ways to keep a harvest surplus.

06 Companions & rotation

PLANT NEARBY	AVOID NEARBY	ROTATION NOTE
Nasturtium Comfrey	Shared trellis space	Not applicable — replace declining vines every 5–7 years.