

Northern banana passionfruit (*Passiflora mixta*)



Foliage and flowers



Pink flowers are produced all year round

Northern banana passionfruit is a high climbing vine that grows equally well in forest and shrub-land margins and in domestic gardens, farm hedges and along roadsides. Fertile soil and warm conditions encourage its growth.

Northern banana passionfruit produces large pink tubular flowers throughout the year. These develop into oval fruit that turn yellow or orange-yellow when ripe. It is often confused with banana passionfruit which is very similar. The main difference between them is the length of the floral tube, which is longer in northern banana passionfruit (4-6.5 cm). Both passionfruits are pest plants. Possums and birds eat the fruit and therefore help the seed to spread.

Small plants should be hand pulled or dug out at the roots and then mulched, composted or otherwise disposed of safely. Vines growing over other plants should be cut and the cut stumps of the rooted main stems painted with herbicide.

Contact your Regional Council for advice on control methods.