

Pest Plants

of the Wellington Region

Blue passion flower

Passiflora caerulea

How do I identify blue passionflower?

Evergreen climbing vine that can grow up to **10 metres** high

Leaves: Dark green to **purple shiny leaves** with many fingers usually between 3 and 9

Flowers: White with usually **purple circle** and yellow centre

Fruits: Deep **orange and egg shaped** containing many seeds

Stems: Twining stems that allow it to climb plants and structures

Roots: Spreading root system

Where found: Gardens, forest margins, waste areas and coastal areas

What's the problem?

- Blue passionflower is a fast-growing vine that grows into the tree canopy and forms large masses that rapidly smother and replace vegetation
- Mainly invades disturbed or low-canopy forest and forest margins

What do I do?

- If you suspect you have blue passionflower or have seen it somewhere in the Wellington region, please contact us and we'll come and have a look
- If it is blue passionflower, we will control it for free and record the sites location for future work

Fact:

Early Christians adopted the passion flower as a symbol of the crucifixion of Christ

