



## ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM PLANT CARE INFORMATION

### Stinking Passion Vine or Tomate de Guajolote *Passiflora foetida* var. *arizonica*

**DESCRIPTION:** This is a fast growing vine found in canyons in Pima County, and south into Sonora and Baja California. Its glandular leaves exude a rank odor that gives the plant its common name. Literature says that its white and purple blooms are approximately 2” across although our plants’ flowers are half that size. They appear during the monsoon season, although some were nearly cleistogamous (only the stigmas emerged from the flower bud). However, when open, the flowers belie the common name, as they have a wonderful aroma of lilacs. This species is a larval food plant for Gulf Fritillary butterflies.

**RECOMMENDED USE:** Use as a mounding groundcover or climbing on another plant or trellis.

#### CULTURE:



**Hardiness:** At least to 25, and possibly to lower 20’s.



**Sun tolerance:** Best in light shade.



**Watering and feeding:** Moderate water user. Feed monthly during growing season.



**Soil requirements:** Any well-drained soil.



**Pruning:** To control.