Passiflora foetida, or Running Pop, is a perennial vine that climbs with tendrils, which is native to the Old World Tropics. It is an extremely polymorphic species. The stems are covered in stiff bristly hairs, with dark green 3-5 lobed leaves. The leaves have a very disagreeable odor when brushed against or crushed. Our plants grew 13 feet (3 m) in one season. They are very vigorous growers and need plenty of room to grow. The plants do extremely well in containers and are hardy in the landscape in USDA zone 9-11. (Note: I would like to thank my friend Debbie in San Antonio for sending me seeds of this plant.)

Blooming: Our plants in the greenhouse have flowered non stop since planting them. The 1-2 inch (2.5-5 cm) purplish flowers are solitary in leaf axils. The petals are slightly shorter than the sepals, with white corona filaments banded with purple. The globose fruit is bright red to yellow and is edible. Since the species is polymorphic, flower color can range from white, to lilac and purple.

Culture: Passiflora foetida need full sun to light shade, with a moist, well-drained soil. In the greenhouse, we