



1. Banana passionfruit

Passiflora (taxonia sub-group)

What is banana passionfruit?

Banana passionfruit may sound like a treat- but this invasive weed takes over green spaces and competes with native plants. It grows like a vine over other plants and trees, threatening their survival.

Why is banana passionfruit a problem for New Zealand?

These weeds grow up into the light using other plants as support. As banana passionfruit lean on other plants they smother them. They block the light and stop native seedlings growing.



How do I know it's banana passionfruit?

Banana passionfruit has furry, three part leaves with toothed edges. The stems are hairy.

It may have large, thick-skinned fruit which can be green, yellow or pinkish, with fleshy orange-red seeds. It looks a bit like passionfruit inside! Large, pink flowers appear in summer.

How does it spread?

Banana passionfruit spreads easily because animals such as birds, possums, and rats eat its fruit and disperse the seeds.

Banana passionfruit came from South America.



For more detailed information about banana passionfruit and how to control its spread see: weedbusters.org.nz

