

## PALE PASSIONFLOWER

*Passiflora pallens* Poepp. ex Mast.

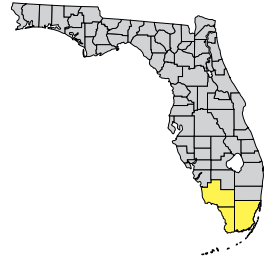
**Synonyms:** none

**Family:** Passifloraceae (passionflower)

**FNAI Ranks:** G3G4/S2

**Legal Status:** US—none FL—Endangered

**Wetland Status:** US—none FL—UPL



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**Field Description:** High-climbing **vine** with hairless, waxy stems and long, curling tendrils. **Leaves** to 3.2 inches long, alternate, 3-lobed, with 2 stalked glands on the leaf stalk and 2 small, leaf-like stipules at the base of the leaf stalk. **Flower** showy, solitary on a long stalk arising in the angle between stem and leaf stalk; **sepals** 5, petal-like, white with a green, pointed appendage on the tip; **petals** 5, white, slightly shorter than sepals; crown composed of many white and purple filaments; 3 small, leaf-like bracts underneath the flower. **Fruit** 2 inches long, oval, yellow when ripe.

**Similar and Related Rare Species:** See white-flowered passionvine (*Passiflora multiflora*) in this guide; it has much smaller white flowers without the sepal appendages, velvety stems, and oblong leaves. Goatsfoot (*Passiflora sexflora*), state-endangered, has small, pale green flowers and hairy, greenish-purple fruit; its leaf stalks lack glands.

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## *Passiflora pallens*

**Habitat:** Rockland hammock, coastal berm, strand swamps, and roadside thickets in strand swamps.

**Best Survey Season:** Flowers all year.

**Range-wide Distribution:** FL, West Indies.

**Conservation Status:** There are 12 populations in Florida, 8 on conservation lands, with a total of fewer than 10,000 plants.

**Protection & Management:** Purchase and protect remaining intact habitats. Eradicate exotic pest plants.

**References:** Coile 2000, IRC 1999, Small 1933, Wunderlin 1998, Wunderlin and Hansen 2000a.

