


Giant granadilla

Badea/Giant Granadilla/Giant Passion Fruit/Giant tumbo	
	
Full and longitudinally-cut badeas	
Scientific classification	
Kingdom:	Plantae
(unranked):	Angiosperms
(unranked):	Eudicots
(unranked):	Rosids
Order:	Malpighiales
Family:	Passifloraceae
Genus:	<i>Passiflora</i>
Species:	<i>P. quadrangularis</i>
Binomial name	
<i>Passiflora quadrangularis</i> L.	

The **Giant Granadilla**, **Giant Tumbo** or **Badea** (Spanish pronunciation: [baˈðe.a]), *Passiflora quadrangularis*, is the largest of the passionfruits, plants of the genus *Passiflora*. It is a perennial native of Tropical America, having smooth, cordate, ovate or acuminate leaves; petioles bearing from 4 to 6 glands; an emetic and narcotic root; scented flowers; and a large, oblong fruit, containing numerous seeds, imbedded in a subacid edible pulp.

The badea is sometimes grown in greenhouses. The fruits of several other species of *Passiflora* are eaten. *P. laurifolia* is the water lemon and *P. maliformis* the sweet calabash of the West Indies.

The fruit juice of the badea is used as a beverage.

It is known as **Barbadine** in Trinidad. A tea is made from the leaves which is used for high blood pressure and diabetes. A drink and ice-cream are made from the fruit.^[1]

Footnotes

[1] Mendes (1986), p. 10.

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