

## Ananas communis

### (Pineapple)

Ananas comosus is a terrestrial bromeliad that forms a rosette of coarse, spiny, evergreen leaves. When mature, the central rosette gives rise to a tall thick stem bearing a large oval cluster of spiny bright red flowers topped with dense foliage. After a year or more the blooms are followed by the huge oval composite fruits that we call pineapples. The fruit's exterior resembles that of a pine cone, hence the name, and has thick leathery amber green skin which protects the sweet golden flesh within. After fruiting the rosettes dies back and as new side shoots will take over. There cultivars without spiny leaves, and with variegated leaves but these are not giving fruits. Pineapple needs full or partial sun, well drained soil. It is drought and salt resistant. Used as specimen, mass plantation and for its edible fruit.



Plant Image

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#### Landscape Information

**Pronunciation:** uh-NAN-us ko-MO-sus

**Plant Type:** Shrub

**Origin:** South America

**Heat Zones:** 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12

**Hardiness Zones:** 10, 11, 12, 13

**Uses:** Specimen, Indoor, Container, Edible, Wildlife

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#### Size/Shape

**Growth Rate:** Slow

**Tree Shape:** Round

**Canopy Symmetry:** Symmetrical

**Canopy Density:** Medium

**Height at Maturity:** Less than 0.5 m

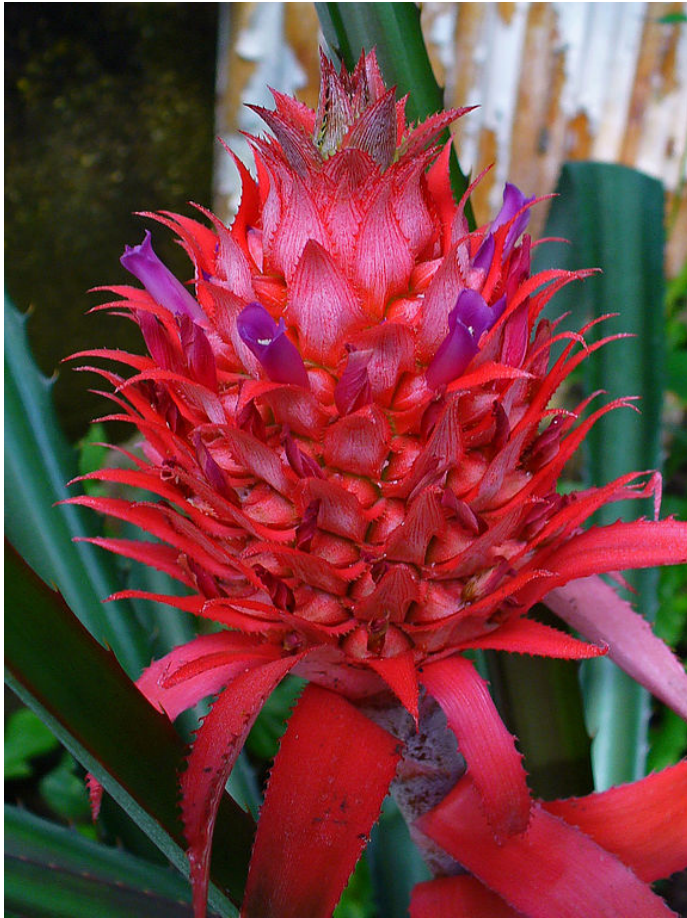
**Spread at Maturity:** Less than 50 cm

**Time to Ultimate Height:** 1 Year

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Flower Image

## Botanical Description

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### Foliage

**Leaf Venation:** Parallel

**Leaf Persistence:** Evergreen

**Leaf Type:** Simple

**Leaf Blade:** 30 - 50

**Leaf Shape:** Linear

**Leaf Margins:** Spiny

**Leaf Textures:** Rough

**Leaf Scent:** No Fragrance

**Color(growing season):** Variegated

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### Flower

**Flower Showiness:** True

**Flower Size Range:** 7 - 10

**Flower Type:** Spadix

**Flower Sexuality:** Monoecious (Bisexual)

**Flower Scent:** No Fragrance

**Flower Color:** Red

**Seasons:** Summer

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### Fruit

**Fruit Type:** Multiple Fruit

**Fruit Showiness:** True

**Fruit Size Range:** 10 - 20

**Fruit Colors:** Yellow, Orange

**Seasons:** Summer

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### Horticulture Management

#### Tolerance

**Frost Tolerant:** No

**Drought Tolerant:** Yes

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#### Requirements

**Soil Requirements:** Clay, Loam

**Soil Ph Requirements:** Acidic, Neutral

**Water Requirements:** High, Moderate

**Light Requirements:** Full, Part

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#### Management

**Toxity:** No

**Invasive Potential:** No

**Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter:** No

**Surface Rooting:** No

**Life Span:** Less than 25

**Edible Parts:** Fruit

**Pests:** Mealy-Bug

**Plant Propagations:** Division

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Fruit Image



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