

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

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

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Slow

Tree Shape: Round

Canopy Symmetry: Symmetrical

Canopy Density: Medium

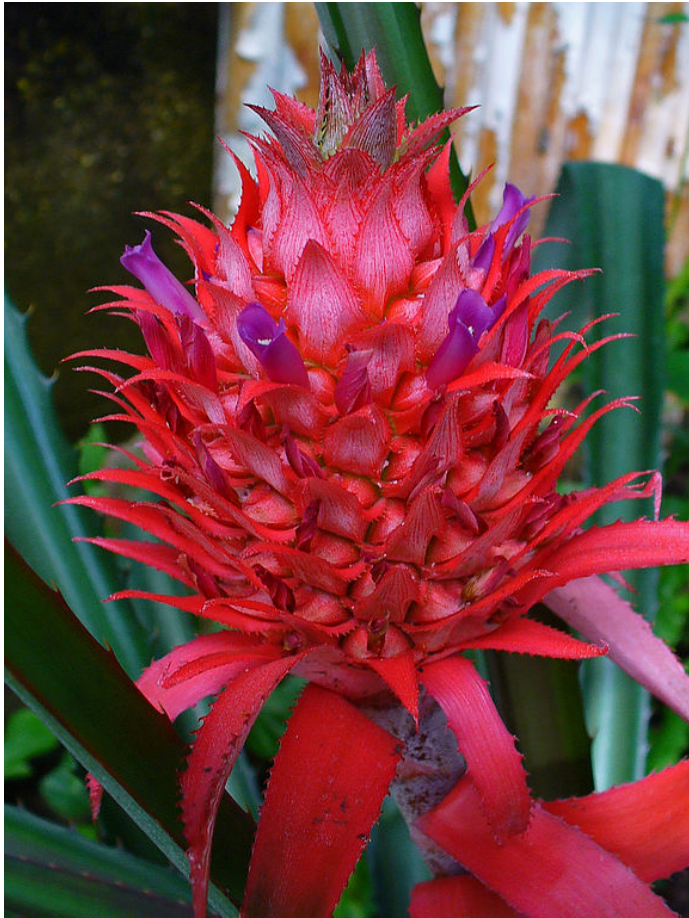
Height at Maturity: Less than 0.5 m

Spread at Maturity: Less than 50 cm

Time to Ultimate Height: 1 Year

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

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

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

Fruit

Fruit Type: Multiple Fruit

Fruit Showiness: True

Fruit Size Range: 10 - 20

Fruit Colors: Yellow, Orange

Seasons: Summer

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: No

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral

Water Requirements: High, Moderate

Light Requirements: Full, Part

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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