

Ananas comosus

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Common Names: Pineapple

Family: Bromeliaceae

Origin: South America

Height: 4" pot = 1'

Specimen = 4'

Light: Bright

Foot Candles: 200 - 250

Water: Barely moist

Humidity: 50% - 75%

Temperature: 18°C - 32°C

Soil: Free draining mix

Container: Small planter with drainage, irrigated bed

Nutrients: 5-10-5 when fruit is forming

Propagation: Seed, removal of offsets, or rooting of leafy fruit top

Interiorscape Use: Desktop, tropical themed atrium

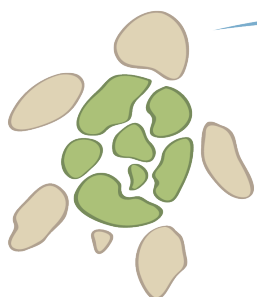


Common Pests: Mealybugs, Aphids, Spider Mites, Scale, Thrips.

Common Issues: Root rot when overwater, scorch marks in direct sun

Comments: Fruit is grown commercially in the tropics and plants are used in landscape and interiorscape. Variegated and red coloured plants also available.

Toxicity: Poisonous by dermatitis, or ingestion of large quantities of raw pineapple and/or sap from leaves. Symptoms may include mild skin irritation from contact with juice; possibility of cuts from sharp-pointed leaves; irritation to the eyes from splashed juice; irritation of mouth, lips, and tongue.



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