Pineapple

Ananas comosus

Plant Height: 24 inches

Flower Height: 3 feet

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 10b

Description:

This frost sensitive plant makes an excellent indoor accent for a bright area; indoor fruits are small and not very tasty, but are ornamentally attractive

Features & Attributes

Pineapple features unusual bracted fully double red round flowers at the ends of the stems from late winter to late fall. Its large sword-like leaves remain dark green in color throughout the year. The small gold oval fruit is edible and has a tart taste with a fleshy texture and a light fragrance. Note that in general, it can be difficult to get plants to reliably produce fruit indoors; this may be a challenge best reserved for adventurous and experienced gardeners.

This is a spreading evergreen houseplant with a more or less rounded form. This plant may benefit from an occasional pruning to look its best.



Pineapple
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



Pineapple fruit
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Planting & Growing

When grown indoors, Pineapple can be expected to grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity extending to 3 feet tall with the flowers, with a spread of 24 inches. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. This houseplant will do well in a location that gets either direct or indirect sunlight, although it will usually require a more brightly-lit environment than what artificial indoor lighting alone can provide. It does best in average to evenly moist soil, but will not tolerate standing water. The surface of the soil shouldn't be allowed to dry out completely, and so you should expect to water this plant once and possibly even twice each week. Be aware that your particular watering schedule may vary depending on its location in the room, the pot size, plant size and other conditions; if in doubt, ask one of our experts in the store for advice. It is particular about its soil conditions, with a strong preference for rich, acidic soil. Contact the store for specific recommendations on pre-mixed potting soil for this plant.

There are many factors that will affect the ultimate height, spread and overall performance of a plant when grown indoors; among them, the size of the pot it's growing in, the amount of light it receives, watering frequency, the pruning regimen and repotting schedule. Use the information described here as a guideline only; individual performance can and will vary. Please contact the store to speak with one of our experts if you are interested in further details concerning recommendations on pot size, watering, pruning, repotting, etc.