

PINEAPPLE
Ananas comosus 'Smooth Cayenne'

Zone 9-11
Height: 1-3 feet
Width: 3-5 feet
Bloom: Summer – Red
Drought tolerant
Prefers sandy soil
Fruit size: 6-12 inches long
And can weigh up to 5-6 pounds.
Time to maturity: 6-18 months



The pineapple plant makes an excellent container plant, often planted for their tropical appearance. 'Smooth Cayenne' is a nearly spineless Hawaiian variety regularly found in grocery stores. In 1-3 years if cared for correctly, it can produce a 5-6 pound pineapple!

They are most attractive as an ornamental if given some protection from full sun. The pineapple plant can be planted in a container outdoors and brought indoors to overwinter, or it can be grown entirely indoors. It prefers sandy soil and is drought tolerant. It will tolerate full sun to fairly dark conditions inside. If grown indoors, be sure to give the plant a warm environment all year long. It prefers temperatures between 65 ° and 70° F. Consistent care is best

Pollination: Must make sure flower pollinates to form fruit. If grown outside, there is a better chance of pollination by hummingbirds, etc. When grown inside the flower should be gently tapped when pollen forms so it can self-pollinate.

The plant will spend one year producing foliage and the next year a flower stalk, followed by the fruit. The pineapple plant normally develops a bud when it is 12-14 months old. At the time the bud forms, the pineapple plant is usually at least 24 inches in height. The plant will grow 1-3 feet tall. It then shortly blooms and produces a fruit on top of a central stalk. After fruiting, a 'sucker' will form on the side of the plant and will bear the next fruit.

