

Ananas bracteatus striatus - Plant



Closely related to the commercial pineapple, red pineapple is an evergreen, terrestrial perennial from south-eastern Brazil, Paraguay, and northern Argentina.

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Description for Ananas bracteatus striatus

Plant height: 3 - 6 inches (7 - 16 cm)

Plant spread:

The cultivar Tricolor (also known as Striatus) has rosettes of erect, sword-shaped, olive-green leaves with creamy margins and red spines. The rosettes produce offsets at the base and between the leaves. When mature (about 18 months after propagation), the central rosette gives rise to a tall stout stem bearing an oval cluster of lavender flowers with large prickly red bracts. A plume of stiff leaves tops the cluster. Pulpy greenish-brown fruit-lets follow the blooms, merging to form a succulent, edible cone-shaped fruit that is somewhat smaller than a commercial pineapple.

Common name(s): Ornamental pineapple, variegated pine apple.

Flower colours: Red,Scarlet (Dark Red).

Bloom time: Late Spring/Early Summer.

Max reachable height: 90-120 cm

Difficulty to grow: Easy.

Planting and care

Sunlight: The plant prefers bright direct sunlight. At least 6 hrs full sun needs to be provided daily. In fact, the sunnier the position, the stronger will be the coloring of the leaves.

Soil: Well-drained soil with ample organic matter.

Water: Allow the top half inch of the soil/potting mixture to dry before watering again. Avoid over watering in winter.

Temperature: It requires warm growing conditions.

Fertilizer: Use a water-soluble balanced liquid fertilizer from the top of the plant every month. It absorbs water and nutrients from a watertight reservoir formed where the leaves come together.

Caring for Ananas bracteatus striatus

- Red pineapple leaves have stout spines along the edges which tend to shred the arm of a careless weeder.

Typical uses of Ananas bracteatus striatus

Special features:

Ornamental use: The plant is generally used as an accent plant. Container plant, patio plant.

References

<http://www.learn2grow.com/plants/ananas-bracteatus-tricolor/> <http://www.greenpatio.com/plantdatabase/ananas-bracteatus.shtml>

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