PLANT FACT SHEET

Ananas comosus var. bracteatus (Lindley) Copens & F. Leal

GENUS *Ananas* **FAMILY** Bromeliaceae

COMMON NAMES Red pineapple, Ananas bravo

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit pulp is eaten raw and also used for drinks.
The cooked outer layer is used for drinks.

DESCRIPTION

A prickly herb. It grows 90 cm high and spreads 90 cm wide. The leaves have teeth along the edge. It is very similar to pineapple but more prickly and it has seeds. The fruit are juicy and sweet. They are a pinkish-yellow.

HABITAT

A warm temperate plant. It needs a sunny location and well-drained soil. It is damaged by drought and frost. In Argentina it grows from sea level to 700 m above sea level. It suits hardiness zones 9-10.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown by division.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Fruit weigh about 1 kg. One plant can produce up to 6 fruit in 3 years.

NOTES

There are about 7 Ananas species.

PICTURES



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