PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Aechmea mariae-reginae* Wendl.

**GENUS** *Aechmea* **FAMILY** Bromeliaceae

**COMMON NAMES** Queen aechmea

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Fruit

## DESCRIPTION

A large pineapple family plant. It grows about 1 m across and 1 m tall when in flower. The leaves have a wide sheathing base. The edges of the leaves have teeth that are spiny. The flower stalk is erect and has a ring of 10 cm long pink bracts at the base. The plants are separately male and female. The fruit are fleshy.

## HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows from sea level to 1,200 m altitude in Costa Rica. In Cairns Botanical Garden.

## PRODUCTION

### Harvesting and Seed Production

The ripe fruit bunch can weigh 2 kg.

## PICTURES



Credit: Food Plants International (Bruce French)

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