



Emerald Goddess Gardens

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Botanical Name	Fejoa or Acca Sellowianna
Common Name	Pineapple Guava
Mature Size	8 to 10 feet
Bloom Color	Cream & Pink
Bloom Period	Fall
Boom Form	Cluster Singles
Fruit Size	2 to 3 inch yellow egg to pear shaped
Fruit Time	Spring to early summer
Light	Best fruiting in full sun
Water	Moderate
USDA Zone	7, 8, 9
Fragrance	No
Uses	Large Tree-Like Shrub, Hedge, Boundary, Accent, Habitat
Special Features	Attracts Butterflies & Birds
Grower Notes	Fruit tastes like pineapple flavored guava



Acca or Fejoa sellowianna or Pineapple Guava is a large, somewhat slow growing evergreen tree-like shrub. It bears an edible oval egg to pear shaped green fruit about 2-3 1/2 inches long with thick granular white flesh that somewhat like a combination of pineapple and guava, with a slight minty under flavor. The seeds are small. Fruiting season can vary slightly according to climate, but is generally late spring to early/mid summer

Pineapple Guavas are mainly eaten as a fresh fruit, but you can find a number of recipes online for jelly, tea and pudding.

This species will eventually reach heights of 15 to 20 feet if left unpruned, but it is generally grown as a boxed hedge or as a large rounded tree-like shrub. It can be used as a foundation planting and is primarily grown in Florida for its attractive foliage which is a soft green leathery texture on top with a very pretty silvery reverse that can be seen when the wind moves them around.

Fruiting is better in cooler climates where there is a least 50 to 60 hours of chilling. The plant is considered to be hardy to about 15° F. An attractive somewhat unusual flower precedes the fruit in mid summer.

The flowers are about an 1 to 2 inches in diameter sometimes appearing in clusters. They have very long bright red stamens topped with bright yellow pollen grains. The flowers are white, with an very pretty red purple interior lining of the petal. The petals are also edible and make nice garnish for salads, etc. The flowers are attractive to butterflies and birds, who will eat them and thereby pollinate the fruit. The flowers attract butterflies to feed, but the plant is not a host (no caterpillars).

If fruiting is desired, two plants should be purchased and planted near each other for cross pollination.

Direct planting of 4 inch starter size plants is not recommended, so for the best results with your new plant, we recommend it be repotted and allowed to grow larger before setting out in the landscape within the recommended USDA Zone range.

When the new pot has filled with roots and the plant is larger, then here a few hints for successful growing in the landscape. can be grown as a potted plant indefinitely.

- Plant in fertile well draining, slightly acidic soil. Amend with high quality organic material as needed.
- Locate in full sun to very lightly dappled shade.
- Provide supplemental irrigation.
- Feed a good quality, slow release, fertilize with the initial planting.
- Prune lightly and often when young to encourage branching and after fruiting to promote uniform shape and control size.
- Plant early in the season, and protect from freezing until very well established.

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Care of Your New Plant

Here are a few basic guidelines for handling and caring for your new plant:

Direct planting of 4 inch starter size plants or plugs directly into the landscape is not recommended, with a few exceptions. So, for the best results with your new plant we suggest that it be repotted into a larger pot and allowed to grow larger until the new pot is filled with roots before setting out.

Check the recommended USDA Zone Range for the plant. Many gardeners are able to successfully grow plants outside their recommended Zones, but this is dependent upon providing the type of environment and care the plant needs.

- Immediately repot the new plant into a 6 inch to 10 inch diameter pot (a 6 inch pot is the recommended size for starter plugs) that can drain easily and thoroughly.
- Use a good quality commercial potting media.
- Apply a high quality, slow release plant food according to the label directions. Do not use hot, all chemical fertilizers like 6-6-6 or 10-10-10.
- Locate so that the plant can receive direct, full spectrum light for several hours daily, but is protected from hot, direct afternoon sun.
- Maintain consistent and uniform moisture in the soil. Take care not to over water.
- Packing crystals may be reused to conserve water, but do so with caution as they hold 6000 times their weight in water.
- If reusing the crystals, mix and incorporate them thoroughly throughout the potting media.
- Be sure the pot can drain and that the bottom of the pot does not sit submerged in water for more than a few hours.
- Supplement feed with a water soluble plant food every 2-3 weeks according to the label directions.
- Prune or pinch lightly and often when the plant is young and actively growing to strengthen the central stalk and encourage branching and build uniform shape.
- Monitor for signs of disease or insects and treat accordingly.
- Protect from frost and freeze, as even cold tolerant plants can be damaged by cold, and tropicals will perform better, flower earlier, and live longer within their Zone Range when protected from cold temperatures.

Many tropical and subtropical plants can be grown as potted plants indefinitely, and can be successfully wintered over indoors in colder climates, so long as they are moved indoors well ahead of temps into the 30°F's, are maintained in warm environment (minimum 40°F) with adequate, full spectrum light, consistent soil moisture is maintained, and any pest or disease issue are promptly and properly addressed.

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