

EDIBLE GARDEN



PINEAPPLE

The pineapple (*Ananas comosus*) is a tropical plant indigenous to South America. The plant is a small shrub where individual, unpollinated flowers fuse to form multiple fruits, with 30 to 40 succulent leaves closely spaced in a rosette on a thick fleshy stem.

Pineapple has become a characteristic ingredient in the meat, vegetable, fish and rice dishes of Pan-Asian cuisine. They are eaten fresh where available, in canned form worldwide, and as a pastry filling or in baked desserts in the United States and Europe.