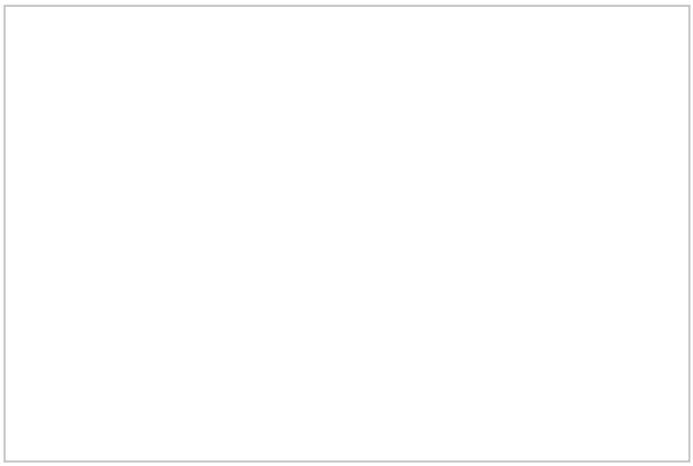
Pineapple guava



Acca sellowianaï is a species ofï flowering plantï in theï myrtleï family,ï Myrtaceae,ï native to the highlands o southernï Brazil, easternï Paraguay,ï Uruguay, northernï Argentina, andï Colombia.ïIt is widely cultivated as an ornamental tree and for its fruit.

Common names includeï feijoa or Pineapple guava.ï The fruit, known as feijoa maturing in autumn, is green,ï ellipsoid, and about the size of a chicken egg. It has a sweet,ï aromaticï flavour, which tastes likeï pineapple,ï appleï and mint.ï

It is a warm-temperateï toï subtropicalï plantï that also will grow in theï tropics, but requires at least 50 hours of winter chilling to fruit, and is frost-tolerant. When grown from seed, feijoas are noted for slow growth during their first year or two, and young plants, though cold tolerant, can be sensitive to high wind.

In theï Northern Hemisphere, this species has been cultivated as far north as westernï Scotland, but under such conditions it does not fruit every year, as winter temperatures below approximately 9ï ï C (16ï ï F) kill the flower buds. Summer temperatures above 90ï ï F (32ï ï C) may also have an adverse effect upon fruit set. Feijoas are somewhat tolerant of drought and salt in soils, though fruit production can be adversely affected. Tolerant to partial shade, regular watering is essential while fruit is maturing.ïSomeï graftedï cultivars of feijoa are self-fertile. Most are not, and require aïpollinator. Seedlings may or may not be of usable quality, and may or may not be self-fertile. Feijoas will mature into a sprawly shrub, but can be kept successfully as a large container plant, though accommodations will need to be made for the width of the plants, and the need to encourage new growth for fruit production.

Category: Flowering shrubs
Families: Myrtaceae
Genus: Acca
Species: sellowiana
Geographical Area of Origin: Central America / South America
Climatic Zones: Sub-tropical, USDA 10 b (Southern Italy and islands)
Habit: Shrub
Leaves: Evergreen

Colore Foglie: Verde  ï Grigio 
Flowering Period: Ottobre / Settembre / Giugno / Luglio
Flower: Simple flower
Colore Fiori: Rosa  ï Viola 
Favorite soil: Neutral / Middle-Dough / Medium soil
Water needs: Low / little water / Medium
Light Exposure: Medium shade / Half shade / Full light / Full sun
Form: Tree
Colore Frutti: Verde 
Parfumed: yes