

Pineapple Guava



Feijoa sellowiana (now known as *Acca sellowiana*)

Myrtaceae Family, *Compiled by the Master Gardeners, of the University of Arizona Pima County Cooperative Extension*

Form: large shrub; single or multi-stemmed tree; good espaliered

Seasonality: evergreen

Size: to 15ft with equal spread; slow growth

Leaves: obovate, entire margin, 3" long; top dark glossy green, underside nearly white; prominent venation; thick

Flowers: distinctive and attractive; fleshy pink petals with red stamens; edible

Fruit: egg-shaped 3" fruit; green ripening to reddish; ripens in fall; edible (falls to ground when ripe)

Stems/Trunks: attractive trunk when exposed; bark exfoliates to reveal orangy color

Range/Origin: South America

Hardiness: to mid-teens

Exposure: full to part sun

Water: needs regular; water once per week (in my experience, after established, this plant is drought tolerant)

Soil: amended or uniform best; prone to chlorosis in calciferic soils

Propagation: vegetative cuttings

Maintenance: low; best when left in natural form

LANDSCAPE VALUE: patio tree hedge or foundation, attracts hummingbirds

CULTURAL REQUIREMENTS: