

Garden Notes

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Pineapple Guava

We all enjoy a multi-purpose plant and Pineapple guava (*Acca sellowiana*) can check several boxes in the landscape. This evergreen shrub, which grows 8-10 feet in height and spread, serves as an excellent screen plant. You can use several to block a larger view or plant one as more of a specimen. The flowers forming in May have edible portions and fruit is ready later in the summer.

For fruit you may choose self pollinating types like 'Pineapple Gem' or 'Coolidge'.

If the size of the standard is a little big for your landscape, there is a selection called Bambina that grows 3 feet by 4 feet.

Ground Pearls

One of the problems we are seeing in lawns this spring is damage from the insect called Ground Pearls. These scale like pests feed on turf roots causing grass to yellow, thin out, and die. There is no treatment other than good lawn care practices.



Garden Lilies

We are just starting our season of lily blooms in the garden. Plants like some moisture for the growing season in loose well drained soils. Mulch your plants or use groundcovers to keep roots shaded.

Remove flowers after they fade. [See more local photos](#) of beautiful lilies.

